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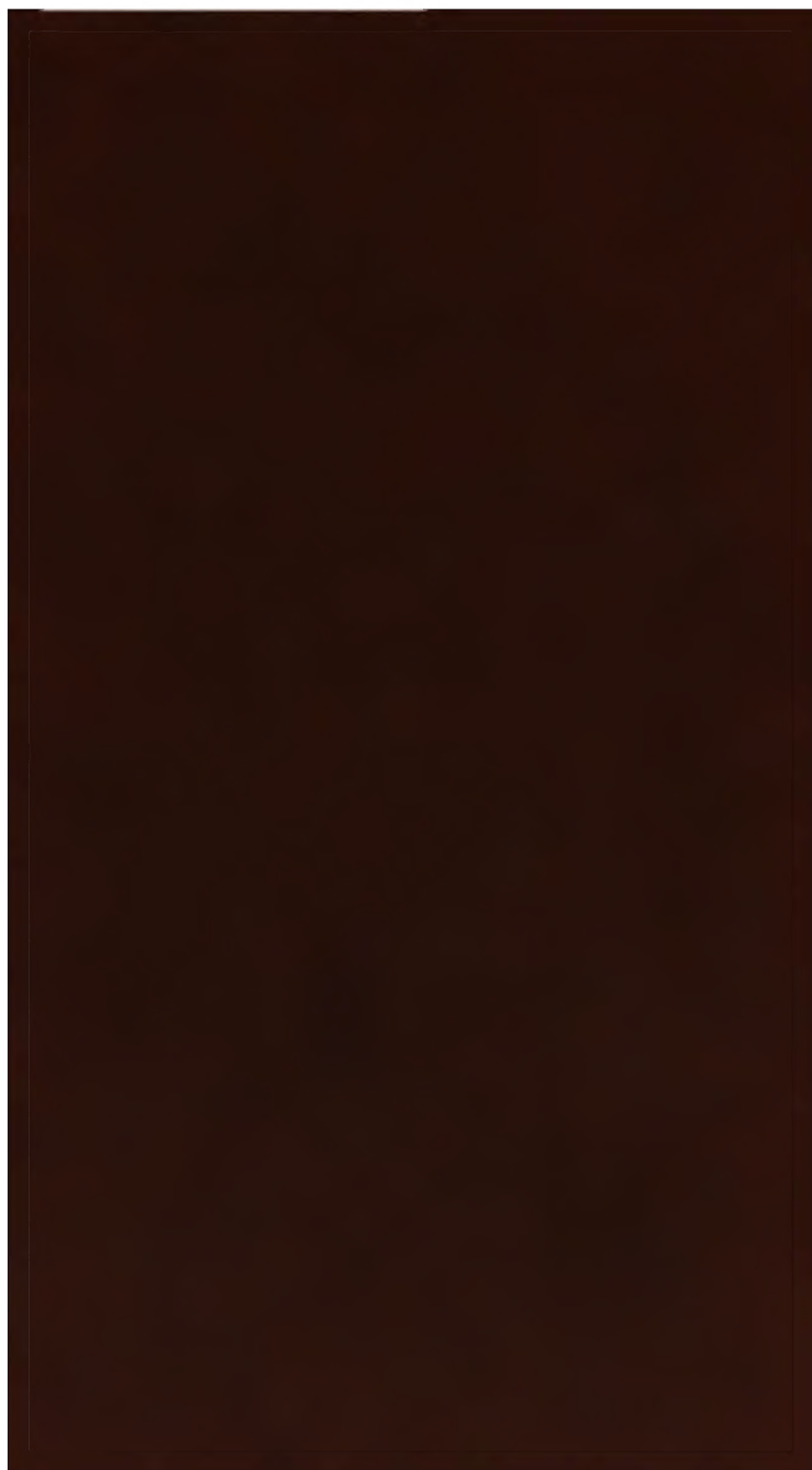
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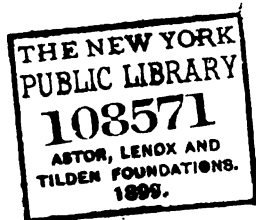
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## LIST OF THE CLERGY,

Entitled to Seats in the Diocesan Convention of 1855.

- \*RT. REV. WM. MERCER GREEN, D. D., Jackson.
- \*Rev. Wm. R. Babcock, Rector of Trinity Church, Natchez.
- \*Rev. Fr. A. P. Barnard, Professor in the State University, and officiating at St. Peter's Church, Oxford.
- Rev. Wm. Clotworthy, Missionary, Church of the Messiah, Noxubee county.
- Rev. A. D. Corbyn, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.
- \*Rev. F. W. Damus, Missionary at Diamond Place and Hurricane.
- \*Rev. Edward Denniston, Deacon, ministering near Jackson.
- Rev. Chas. A. Disbrow, Rector of St. John's Church, Aberdeen.
- \*Rev. James A. Fox, residence, Warren county.
- \*Rev. James S. Green, Professor at St. Andrew's College, Jackson, and officiating at St. Luke's Church, Brandon.
- \*Rev. Benj. Halsted, Rector of Calvary Church, Holmes county, (P. O., Lexington.)
- Rev. Samuel J. Hayward, Deacon, Missionary at Grenada, Coffeeville, etc.
- Rev. T. B. Lawson, Rector of St. John's Church, Pontotoc, and of Grace Church, Okolona.
- \*Rev. W. W. Lord, Rector of Christ Church, Vicksburg.
- Rev. Andrew Matthews, Rector of Church of the Ascension, Hernando.
- Rev. Benj. M. Miller, Rector of Christ Church, Church Hill.
- Rev. T. S. W. Mott, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbus.
- \*Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne, Rector of St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood.
- \*Rev. John Philson, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf.
- \*Rev. James Philson, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Raymond, and of St. Matthew's Church, Clinton.
- \*Rev. Willard Presbury, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne county, (P. O., Port Gibson.)
- Rev. James W. Rogers, Rector of St. Thomas' Hall, Holly Springs, and officiating at St. John's Church, Early Grove.
- \*Rev. Henry Sansom, Rector of Grace Church, Canton, and of the Chapel of the Cross, Madison county.
- Rev. T. S. Savage, M. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Pas Christian.
- \*Rev. W. Parker Scott, Rector of Trinity Church, Yazoo City.
- \*Rev. G. W. Sill, Rector of Christ Church, Holly Springs.
- \*Rev. Joshua Sweet, Rector of the College of St. Andrew, Jackson.
- \*Rev. R. H. Weller, Rector of Mount Salus Female College, Clinton.

### Clergy not Entitled to Seats in the Convention of 1855.

Rev. F. W. Boyd, residence, near Natchez.

Rev. A. P. Merrill.

\*Rev. Isaac Pardee, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodville.

Rev. R. H. Ranney, near Woodville.

\*Rev. Chas. Reighley, President of Jefferson College, and Acting Rector of the Church of the Advent, Washington, Adams county.

Rev. — — Rottenstein, ministering near Biloxi, etc.

Rev. Wm. C. Stout, Marshall county, (P. O., N. Mt. Pleasant.)

### Candidates for Holy Orders.

\*Mr. Geo. Stewart,

Mr. Thos. B. Bailey,

Mr. Wm. Clark,

Mr. A. Burton Peabody,

Mr. Henry Lewis O'Neil,

Mr. M. Leander Weller,

\*Mr. J. A. Wainwright, M. D., from the Diocese of New York,

\*Mr. Ed. R. Welles, from the Diocese of Western New York.

\*Those thus marked, attended the sittings of the Convention.

## A LIST OF LAY DELEGATES,

### Entitled to Seats in the Diocesan Convention of 1855.

#### TRINITY CHURCH,.....NATCHEZ.

##### *Delegates.*

Hon. Ed. Turner,  
\*Giles M. Hillyer,  
Sam'l M. Davis.

##### *Alternates.*

\*John T. McMurrin,  
Gustavus Colhoun, M. D.,  
\*R. W. Knickerbocker.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,.....WOODVILLE.

##### *Delegates.*

C. C. West,  
Joseph Johnson.

##### *Alternate.*

\*Hon. Francis Gildart.

#### CHRIST CHURCH,.....CHURCH HILL.

##### *Delegates.*

\*James S. Johnston,  
\*Wm. B. Shields,  
Thomas S. Beall.

#### CHRIST CHURCH,.....VICKSBURG.

##### *Delegates.*

\*Benj. S. Tappan,  
\*Wm. C. Smedes,  
\*Wm. A. Lake.

##### *Alternates.*

D. T. Bigelow,  
John H. Bobb,  
L. C. Moore.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,.....GRAND GULF.

<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
*Col. H. M. Coffey,	C. H. McAlpine,
C. A. Pearson,	J. W. Champlin,
Thomas Aly.	B. Harwood.

## ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,.....CLINTON.

<i>Delegates.</i>
James Wood,
*Wm. B. Williamson, M. D.

## ST. MARK'S CHURCH,.....RAYMOND.

<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
*W. H. Hampton,	Bruce Banks, M. D.,
*W. Halsmith,	*A. S. Denny.
O. V. Shearer.	

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,.....COLUMBUS.

<i>Delegates.</i>
Richard Evans,
J. J. Sherman,
W. L. Long.

## CHRIST CHURCH,.....HOLLY SPRINGS.

<i>Delegates.</i>
Judge Wm. Mills,
— Donegan,
C. Bonner, M. D.

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,.....JACKSON.

<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
*Geo. S. Yerger,	Wm. Hardeman,
*Thos. Palmer,	J. S. Green, M. D.,
*John Moore.	— Skipwith, M. D.

## CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY,.....CLAIBORNE COUNTY.

<i>Delegates.</i>
George Lake,
Thomas H. Jones,
E. H. McCaleb.

## TRINITY CHURCH,.....YAZOO CITY.

<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
*M. W. Ewing,	J. W. Barnett,
E. M. Yerger,	L. L. Hyatt,
S. E. Nye.	J. H. Woolfolk.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,.....PONTOTOC.

<i>Delegate.</i>
*H. Goodrich.



## GRACE CHURCH,.....CANTON.

*Delegates.*

\*C. C. Shackelford,  
T. C. Tupper,  
A. Sneed.

*Alternates.*

S. L. Mosby,  
Wm. S. Bailey,  
Geo. Ward.

## ST. PHILLIP'S CHURCH,.... KIRKWOOD.

*Delegates.*

\*Hon. Wm. McWillie,  
W. Hemingway, M. D.,  
T. S. Anderson.

## TRINITY CHURCH,.....PAS CHRISTIAN.

*Delegates.*

Thomas Kershaw,  
Wm. B. Lightfoot,  
Geo. N. Smith, M. D.

## CALVARY CHURCH,.....HOLMES COUNTY.

*Delegates.*

Henry C. Adams,  
\*Richard Davis.

*Alternates.*

T. T. Meade, M. D.,  
Jas. Maynard, M. D.

## ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL,.....ANNADALE, YAZOO COUNTY.

*Delegates.*

M. W. Ewing,  
\*E. P. Fourniquette,  
\*J. A. Wainwright, M. D.

*Alternate.*

\*R. W. Ewing.

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\*Those marked with an asterisk, attended the sittings of the Convention.

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CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG,  
FRIDAY PRECEDING SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION, }  
May 18, 1855. }

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, the Right Reverend WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, called the Convention to order at half-past ten o'clock, A. M., and opened it with prayer.

The roll of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, as furnished by the Bishop, was then called by the Secretary of the last Convention, and the following Clergy were found to be present :

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D. D.,	
Rev. Wm. R. Babcock,	Rev. R. H. Weller,
Rev. Willard Presbury,	Rev. W. W. Lord.
Rev. F. W. Damus,	

The credentials of Lay Delegates were then laid upon the Secretary's table, and referred to the Rev. W. Presbury, and Messrs. W. B. Shields and B. S. Tappan, who, after a brief recess, reported the same as substantially correct.

Whereupon, the Report having been received, the list of names was called, and the following Lay Delegates appeared and took their seats:

*Trinity Church, Natchez*—John T. McMurrin, Giles M. Hillyer, R.

W. Knickerbocker.

*Christ Church, Vicksburg*—Benj. S. Tappan, Wm. C. Smedes, W. A. Lake.

*Christ Church, Church Hill*—James S. Johnston, W. B. Shields.

*St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf*—Col. H. M. Coffey.

A constitutional quorum of the Clergy and Lay Delegates being ascertained to be present, the Bishop of the Diocese declared the Convention duly constituted, and ready to proceed to business.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Clergymen of the Diocese not entitled to seats; also, Clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to honorary seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution, the following named Clergy attended the sittings of this Convention :

Rev. James A. Fox, of the Diocese of Mississippi.\*

Rev. Charles Reighley, of the Diocese of Illinois,

Rev. Isaac Pardee, of the Diocese of New York.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Secretary and Treasurer; when, the taking of the ballot being by a unanimous vote dispensed with, Giles M. Hillyer was unanimously re-elected to said offices.

On motion, the rules of order adopted by the last Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi, were adopted for the present one, viz.:

### **RULES OF ORDER.**

- 1.—The Convention shall be opened with prayer by the Bishop on the morning of every day during the session.
- 2.—When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the Chair.
- 3.—No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
- 4.—When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
- 5.—No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convention.
- 6.—While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.
- 7.—Every member, who shall be in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the discussion.
- 8.—No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.
- 9.—When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it—and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay upon the table and to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

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\* A change in the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese, was made afterwards during the Session, by which the Rev. Mr. Fox became entitled to a seat in the Convention.—G. M. H., Sec'y.

- 10.—All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.
- 11.—When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.
- 12.—The names of the movers of resolutions shall not appear upon the Minutes of this Convention.
- 13.—The Reports of all Committees shall be in writing, and shall be received, of course, and without motion, unless re-committed by vote of the Convention. All Reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the Convention, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Convention, therein.
- 14.—If the question under debate contain several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately, except that a motion to strike out and insert, shall be indivisible.
- 15.—All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without debate; but any member may appeal from such decision: and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once, without express leave of the Convention.
- 16.—All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after-amendment to such second amendment shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be received under color of a substitute.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, pursuant to Canon II, laid on the table of the Convention the minutes of the proceedings of that Committee for the past year.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee also presented the following abstract of the proceedings of that Committee for the past year:

#### **ABSTRACT OF MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEE.**

1854.

July 5. Rev. James Philson's testimonials for Priest's Orders, signed.

August 24. Mr. Edward Denniston's testimonials for Deacon's Orders, signed.

August 24. Committee assented to the acceptance, by the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, of the Bishoprick of Wisconsin.

September 4. Committee assented to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Lee, to the Episcopate of Iowa.

November 20. Committee assented to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Potter, to be Provisional Bishop of New York, and of the Rev. Dr. Clarke, to be Bishop of Rhode Island.

December 27. Mr. Saml. Josiah Haywood's testimonial for Deacon's Orders, signed.

December 27. Mr. M. Leander Weller recommended as a candidate conformably to Canon 7, 1853.

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January 2. Rev. F. W. Damas' testimonials for Priest's Orders, signed.

March 5. Mr. Henry Lewis O'Neil recommended as a candidate for Deacon's Orders.

April 23. Mr. A. Burton Peabody's testimonials for Deacon's Orders, signed.

W. C. SMEDES,

Secretary of Standing Committee.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until after Divine service.

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Divine service was celebrated at 11½ o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. John Philson, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf, read the Morning Service, assisted by the Rev. R. H. Weller, Rector of Mt. Salus Academy; and the Rev. W. R. Babcock, of Trinity Church, Natchez, preached from the Gospel according to St. Luke, viii chap., 5th verse: "For He loveth our nation, and hath built us a synagogue."

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After Divine service, the Convention was again called to order by the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of the Diocese.

Upon calling the roll of Clergy, there were found present, as before, with the addition of the following:

Rev. John Philson,

Rev. James S. Greene,

Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne,

Rev. James Philson,

Rev. Henry Sansom,

Rev. Joshua Sweet.

An additional report was presented from the Committee on Credentials, which was, also, received, and the list of Lay Delegates reported being again called, the following also, appeared and took their seats:

*St. Andrew's Church, Jackson*—George S. Yerger, Thos. Palmer, John Moore.

*St. Matthew's Church, Clinton*—W. B. Williamson, M. D.

*St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood*—Hon. Wm. McWillie.

*St. Mark's Church, Raymond*—W. H. Hampton, W. Halsmith, A. S. Denny.

The Right Reverend, the President of the Convention, announced the appointment of the following gentlemen upon the Standing Committees :

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Credentials*—Rev. Willard Presbury, Messrs. Wm. B. Shields, and Benjamin S. Tappan.

*On Admission of New Congregations*—Rev. John Philson, Mr. Thos. Palmer.

*On the State of the Church*—Rev. Messrs. R. H. Weller, Henry Sansom, Benjamin Halsted, James Philson and W. Parker Scott.

*On Finance*—Messrs. George S. Yerger, James S. Johnston, John T. McMurren, William C. Smedes and H. M. Coffey.

*On Constitution and Canons*—Rev. W. W. Lord, Messrs. George S. Yerger, William C. Smedes, Giles M. Hillyer, M. W. Ewing and John Moore.

*On Unfinished Business*—Rev. F. W. Damus, Mr. R. W. Knickerbocker.

*On Diocesan Schools*—Rev. Messrs. W. R. Babcock, W. W. Lord and Joshua Sweet; Messrs. Wm. McWillie, W. A. Lake and George S. Yerger.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

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Divine Service was celebrated on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne, of St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood, read the Evening Service, assisted by the Rev. Joshua Sweet, Rector of the College of St. Andrew; and the Rev. Mr. Ozanne preached from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans, xii. chapter, 11th verse, "Be not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

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### CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG, } SATURDAY, May 19, 1854.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, at 8 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with prayer, by the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The roll was again called, and there were found, of the Clergy, present as on yesterday, with the addition of

Rev. Benjamin Halsted, Rev. W. Parker Scott.

Also, of the Lay Delegates, present as on yesterday.



The Committee on Credentials reported an additional list of Lay Delegates, as correct, which Report was received and agreed to.

And the following Lay Delegates appeared and took their seats:

*Trinity Church, Yazoo City*—M. W. Ewing.

*Calvary Church, Holmes County*—Richard Davis.

*St. John's Church, Pontotoc*—H. Goodrich.

Mr. Edward R. Welles, and Mr. J. A. Wainwright, M. D., candidates for Holy Orders, took seats in the Convention, under the resolution of invitation adopted yesterday.

A certified copy of the Articles of Association of St. John's Chapel, Annadale, Yazoo county, and of the proceedings at their adoption, were laid before the Convention, read by the Secretary, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.

The Abstract of the proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, presented yesterday by their Secretary, was then read.

The Secretary then read Parochial Reports from several of the Parishes, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on the Admission of New Congregations presented the following Report:

### REPORT

#### UPON THE ADMISSION OF ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL, ANNADALE.

The Committee to whom was referred the proceedings of the organization of St. John's Chapel, Annadale, Yazoo county, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find them to be in due form, and according to the Canon.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS PALMER, for the Committee.

Which Report was received, and on motion adopted; and on further motion, the said Parish of St. John's Chapel, Annadale, Yazoo county, was received into Union with the Convention.

The credentials of Messrs. M. W. Ewing, E. P. Fourniquet, and J. A. Wainwright, M. D., Delegates, and of Mr. R. W. Ewing, Alternate Delegate, from St. John's Chapel, Annadale, were then read, and Messrs. E. P. Fourniquet, J. A. Wainwright, M. D., and R. W. Ewing, answered to their names, and took their seats in the Convention.

The Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, then read his Journal and Address:

## BISHOP'S JOURNAL AND ADDRESS.

BRETHREN—United and hearty thanks are due to Almighty God for once more permitting us to assemble in His name. And if in His name, so also in His presence; for such is His promise to His Church. With His eye then looking down into our hearts; His ear open to our supplications; and His Heavenly Grace ready to be given to us, according to our need; how seriously, and yet how hopefully, should we set about the work which has called us together. Another year with its mingled scenes of mercy and of trial, has passed away. Or, I should rather say, has gone to register its good and evil in the Book of God's remembrance. What revelations will be made concerning us, when that book shall be opened, none but He who will judge us, can tell. May you and I "find mercy in that day" for all, and even more than our hearts now accuse us of.

Well may the closing Conventional year be said to have been a mingled web of mercy and of judgment. If we cast our eyes over the whole field which the Lord of the vineyard has committed to our culture, we shall be cheered with many proofs that our labor has not been in vain. But on the other hand, we shall find much in the outward condition of things, or rather in the just judgments of God upon a world-loving people, to humble us before him, and make us realize more than ever our entire dependence upon him. To a general pecuniary pressure, and to a season of unparalleled drought, which have been sorely felt by all our citizens, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to afflict us, my brethren, by taking from our little band of laborers one, who, though but newly come among us, was worthy of all the love and esteem which an humble piety, a thorough devotion to the Church, and untiring labor for her welfare, may justly inspire. Such was, in all truth, the character of the Rev. J. LLOYD JOHNSTON, who commenced his labors amongst us in June last, and ended them in death at Biloxi, on the — of September, within one short week of his arrival among the little flock at that place. Thus has the fatal epidemic claimed of us another victim. Cleaver, Patterson, Chadbourne, Johnston, have fallen. We remain to uphold the standard of the Church, and to fight its battles. May the Almighty power of the Holy Ghost, strengthen our hands, and cheer our hearts for the conflict.

I now proceed to give you an account of what I have endeavored to do within the last year:

*June 4, 1854.*—At the close of our last Convention I confirmed five persons in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson. Rev. B. M. Miller preached, and Rev. Messrs. Corbyn and James Philson assisted in the services. The Holy Communion was administered to a large

number, embracing a considerable portion of the Clergy and Laity in attendance on the Convention.

*Sunday, 11.*—Attended Divine Service in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

*Sunday, 18.*—Preached at "Cooper's Well."

*Saturday, 23.*—Went to the neighborhood of Bovina, (Warren county,) with the view of preaching the next day, and of inviting the friends of the Church in that region to build a place of worship for their use.

*Sunday, 24.*—I preached at "Oakland" Church, near the residence of the Rev. Mr. Fox. The Church was filled by an attentive and interested congregation; the far greater part of whom belonged to the surrounding denominations. Notice was given that I would preach to the blacks in the afternoon. The house was full, and notwithstanding the extreme heat of the day, (thermometer at 96°,) their attention was unflagging.

The next two days were spent, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Fox, in visiting the neighborhood. A third would have been given to the work, but for the extreme heat which rendered a further exposure a questionable duty. Enough was seen, however, to convince me that there is ability sufficient among the friends of the Church to erect at once, a suitable place of worship. All that is wanted, is for them to agree among themselves where it shall be placed. I left behind me a promise to visit them again before the end of the summer.

*July 2.*—Attended service in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, and assisted Rev. Mr. Corbyn in the administration of the Holy Communion, as well as in the ordinary services of the day.

*July 4.*—Attended the final examination of Rev. James Philson, preparatory to his receiving Priest's Orders.

*Friday, 7.*—Rode forty miles to Gallatin, the seat of justice of Copiah county. I found here a great dearth of religious ministrations of all kinds. One or two attempts have been made by the denominations to establish themselves, but without success. Several families of the village and neighborhood, are attached to the Church, and desire her services. This desire has been increased, if not begotten, by the zealous labors of Rev. Mr. Presbury, who, though residing twenty-five miles distant, at my request, took this place two years since within his charge, and who has since, with but one unavoidable failure, officiated on the second Sunday in each month. Among the earliest measures adopted by him for the permanent success of his labors, was the establishment of a Sunday School, in which he has been much assisted by a zealous Layman. Saturday was spent in visiting several families of the village in company with Rev. Mr. Presbury. On Saturday I preached both forenoon and at night, in a room under the Masonic Lodge, fitted up by a few individuals as a general place of worship. A good deal of interest seemed to be

felt, on the part of many, for more frequent services than they now enjoy, and I hope that measures will ere long be taken for the erection of a Church edifice. Before I left the place, I distributed a few Prayer Books and Tracts.

*Monday, 10.*—I left Gallatin to proceed on my intended visit to the Gulf coast. On my way across the country, to the river, I stopped for an hour or two both at Port Gibson and Grand Gulf, for the purpose of inciting and aiding them to procure a minister between them.

*Thursday, 14.*—I reached Pas Christian in the evening. The next day, as well as the following Monday and Tuesday, were spent in visiting all the families of the congregation. On *Sunday* the 16th, I preached both forenoon and afternoon in Trinity Church, assisted in the services by the Rector, Rev. Dr. Savage. One person was confirmed, and at the request of the Rector, I baptized one adult and four children.

The condition of this Parish appears to be a healthy one; and the excellent Female School of Dr. Savage is at length reaping the patronage which it has long deserved.

*Tuesday, 18.*—I passed over to Shieldsborough (or Bay of St. Louis) in the evening, and preached the next day in the Court-house. The congregation was small, owing to a partial notice of my coming. In the forenoon I baptized, at the house of Dr. Robt. Eager, one adult and six children. The next day, (20th,) at the request of the family of a deceased friend of the Church, I preached a funeral sermon in the room of the Masonic Lodge, of which he was a member. I was induced to officiate on this occasion, by the consideration that the deceased was, by baptism, a member of the Church, and had been interred during the last year's fearful epidemic, without any of the rites of Christian burial. At the conclusion of the services I baptized one infant.

The Church has a "few names" in this place, and a readiness, as well as willingness, was expressed by them, to engage a portion of a Missionary's services.

After visiting a few families, and giving away some tracts on the subject of the Church, I took a boat on Wednesday afternoon for Mississippi City, about twenty miles distant by water. Here, also, were found some half a dozen families attached to the Church, and anxious to enjoy her services. I preached on *Thursday* the 20th, in the Baptist place of worship, at Handsborough, a new and thriving little settlement on one of the arms of Biloxi Bay, one mile and a half in the rear of Mississippi City. The next day was spent in making myself acquainted with some of the families of that neighborhood, and in ascertaining how far they were desirous to secure occasional services of the Church. Sufficient assurance was given of their ability and determination to contribute one-third of the amount necessary to the support of a Missionary. One individual

offered to give a suitable site for a Church, whenever it became necessary.

On Friday afternoon I reached Biloxi, where I remained the three following days. Saturday was spent in company with Rev. Mr. Damus, in going from house to house among the friends of the Church, and I was much gratified at finding the number larger than I expected. Indeed, a general desire seems to prevail among the Protestants of the place, to obtain such services as our Church is peculiarly adapted to afford. On Sunday, the 23d, I preached both forenoon and night, in the lower room of the Masonic Hall. The congregations were large, and apparently much interested. On the former occasion, I administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed one person. In the afternoon, I also administered the Communion to a sick member of the Church. Notice was given at the evening services, that a meeting of the friends of the Church would be held the next morning, for the purpose of consultation, and for organizing a Parish, if it were deemed advisable. At the appointed hour, a number of the intelligent and influential citizens assembled; a Parish was duly organized, by the name of the "Church of the Redeemer," and a subscription list opened for the partial support of a clergyman, who should give them at the least one-third of his time. Much of the readiness shown by this people to fall in with my wishes on this occasion, was owing to the previous exertions of Rev. Mr. Damus, who, during a temporary sojourn among them, had made himself acquainted with their wants, and had kindly offered to officiate for them every Sunday, and to train their children in a Sunday School. The Vestry appointed by the Congregation is composed of men who will not suffer so good a beginning to so good a work, to end in vain promises only. I promised to send them a clergyman in October, in the confidence that the intervening labors of Mr. Damus would do much towards preparing the way for his greater success. On my way home, I sent a supply of Prayer Books and Sunday School books, sufficient for the use of the congregation.

*Sunday, 30.*—In St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, I admitted to the order of Priests the Rev. James Philson, Deacon. The sermon was preached, at my request, by the Rev. John Philson, who, together with Rev. Messrs. Corby and Weller, united in the "laying on of hands."

*August 2.*—Gave my hearty assent to the election of Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, as Bishop of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

Also received the Letters Dismissory of Rev. J. Lloyd Johnston, from the Bishop of Louisiana.

*Friday and Saturday, 4 and 5.*—These two days were spent in riding through the neighborhood of Mt. Alban, with the view of ascertaining both the willingness and ability of the friends of the Church in that section to erect a place of worship for themselves, and engage the services of a minister. And I was thankful at finding the ready reception which the subject met with wherever

it was presented ; and I trust it will not be long before the sound of our sublime and heart-stirring Liturgy will be steadily heard amid the shades of "Mt. Albon." Few country neighborhoods, either in this or any other State, can boast of a more wealthy, intelligent or hospitable population. On *Sunday*, (the 6th,) 9 o'clock A. M., I performed the Burial Service at the house of Mr. James Brabston, over the body of his eldest child, a lovely girl of six years of age. At 11, I preached to a full congregation, in the Methodist Church, which had been kindly tendered for the occasion.

While engaged in this visitation, I was much gratified at learning that the friends of the Church in Rev. Mr. Fox's neighborhood, had also determined to erect a place of worship for themselves, about nine miles from Mt. Albon.

*August 9.*—At Evening Prayer, in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, I baptized *one* adult.

*Sunday, 13.*—I officiated at "Cooper's Well," both in the forenoon and at night. During the summer months, there are from three to five hundred persons to be found at this watering place. As no provision has yet been made for supplying them with regular services, and as a number of our own people are among the invalids of the place, I feel it incumbent on me to spend two or three Sundays there in each successive season.

*Sunday, 20.*—Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Weller, I visited Raymond, where we were met by the Rev. James Philson, who has just taken charge of the Church in that place. I preached at 11 o'clock, to a small congregation, in the old school-house, Mr. Philson leading the prayers of the congregation. I was pleased to find that a very eligible site for a Church had been presented by an active and liberal member of the vestry, and that a portion of the building materials were already on the ground. After visiting two or three families, I passed over to Cooper's Well in the afternoon, with the intention of officiating again at that place, if I should find them destitute of the proper services for the day. The worship of the congregation was led by me, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Weller.

*Sunday, 27.*—Was spent in Brandon, where I preached both forenoon and at night, to large congregations. In the afternoon, I baptized *one* adult and *four* children.

*August 31.*—Received from the Bishop of Illinois, "Letters Dismissory" of the Rev. Wm. Clotworthy.

*Sunday, Sept. 3.*—Officiated again at Cooper's Well.

*Friday, 8.*—Assisted Rev. Mr. Corbyn in Morning Prayer, and baptized *one* infant.

*Sunday, 10.*—An appointment had been sent out to preach at a private house, some miles distant from Jackson ; but upon learning that there was a case of illness in the family, I recalled the appointment, and assisted the Rev. Mr. Corbyn in the services at St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.



*Sunday, 17.*—Officiated in Christ Church, Vicksburg, both morning and evening, in the place of the Rector, Rev. Mr. Lord, whose health required a temporary rest.

*Sunday, 24.*—I had intended to preach this day at Monticello, in Lawrence county, where there are a few friends of the Church; but as my appointment was not acknowledged in time, I remained at home, and assisted the Rev. Mr. Corbyn in the services at St. Andrew's Church.

*Sunday, Oct. 1.*—Assisted the Rector of St. Andrew's Church in the services of the day, and in the administration of the Holy Communion.

*Sunday, 8.*—In St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, after making an address on the duty and office of a Deacon, I admitted Edward Denniston, B. D., to that holy office. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Corbyn, who had assisted in his examination. Mr. Denniston was one among the recent graduates of that excellent Church School at Nashotah.

*Sunday, 15.*—I preached at Raymond in the forenoon, and baptized *one* child, the infant daughter of the Rector. At night, I preached at Cooper's Well.

*Saturday, 21.*—I visited the family of Col. Thomas S. Dabney, and in the afternoon, baptized *two* infants.

The next day, *Sunday, 22d*, I preached in the parlor of Col. Dabney, to his family, and a few of his neighbors, and his servants.

*October 25.*—I left home for my autumnal visitation.

*October 26.*—Reached DeKalb at 12 o'clock at night. Preached next evening in the Methodist Church. The Baptists were holding a protracted meeting, but they kindly suspended their services for that hour. The Church people here are few; but they are not without hope. The Rev. Mr. Clotworthy officiates for them on one Sunday in each month.

*Sunday, 29.*—Preached at the "Church of the Messiah," in Noxbee county. As the morning was lowering, the congregation was not large. Mr. Clotworthy has been laboring here for four months, with a praiseworthy zeal; but there does not appear any prospect of much increase.

*Monday, 30.*—I passed on to Macon. Preached next day, at 11, in the Presbyterian Church, and again at 7 P. M., baptizing *one* adult.

*Wednesday, Nov. 1.*—Preached again at 11 A. M., baptized *two* infants, confirmed *one* person, and administered the Holy Communion. The friends and members of the Church in this place are in much need of her ministrations. There is here good material for a regular and prosperous congregation.

On the same evening, I reached the residence of Jacob M. Macon, Esq., and preached, the next day, at Prairie Point, three miles distant, to a small but attentive congregation.

*Friday, 3.*—Reached Columbus. Preached on *Saturday*, and three times on *Sunday*, besides administering the Communion. I was assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Mott, who had just returned from North Carolina. The congregation is at this time without a Church of their own to worship in, having not long since sold their old one, and having just been deprived by fire of the use of the Town Hall, which they had temporarily engaged. They are, nevertheless, in good heart; and will, ere long, begin to build. A very eligible lot has been secured for the purpose. In the meantime, they are indebted for a place of worship, to the kindness of their brethren of the different denominations. Three days were spent in visiting. Before my departure, I licensed Thos. B. Bailey, one of our Candidates for Orders, as a Lay Reader.

*Nov. 8.*—Preached at Vinton, in the Methodist Church, and baptized *one* infant. At 7 P. M., preached in Barton, to a pretty large and attentive congregation.

Reached Aberdeen *Thursday*, 9th, and preached next day at 7 P. M. Preached again the following evening, and baptized *one* adult. *Sunday*, 12th, preached at 11 A. M., administered the Lord's Supper, and confirmed *five* persons. In the afternoon, baptized *two* children at the house of their parents. When about to officiate again at night, I was relieved by the arrival of Rev. Mr. Lawson, who preached in my stead. The congregations, this day, were large and attentive. Notwithstanding the depressed condition of this Parish for the last twelve months, being without a Pastor, and deeply in debt, there are marked evidences of hope, as well as life. A general interest seems to be felt for the welfare of the Church; and its friends thankfully acknowledge, not only kind sympathy, but efficient aid, from their Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian friends and brethren. I promised to send them a Pastor as soon as possible. The field is a fine one, and in the opinion of many, holds out a brighter prospect of success than ever. All the families in the congregation were visited, and a number of friends besides.

*Monday*, 13.—Left Aberdeen in company with Mr. Lawson. Next day, preached in Okolona, to a small congregation:

*Wednesday*, 15.—Preached again at 11, and again in the afternoon, at the Chapel of Dr. John E. Tucker, two miles and a half distant. The congregation, on this latter occasion, was composed almost entirely of blacks. The house was full, and the deepest attention prevailed, whilst I preached and confirmed *four* of their number. The friends of the Church in Okolona, though few in number, are inspired with a proper zeal, and show a becoming liberality. The completion of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, which passes through this place, will soon multiply its population. The Rev. Mr. Lawson is about to make it his residence, and to establish a school for girls.

*Thursday*, 16.—Went to Houston. Preached next day at 11, and at 7 P. M., in the Baptist Church, assisted by Mr. Lawson. Mr. L. has, for some time, officiated at this place on the third Friday and

fifth Sunday in each month. The friends of the Church are few, but intelligent, and capable of exercising much influence for good.

*Saturday*, 18.—Reached Pontotoc. Next day, *Sunday*, 19th, preached at 11, to a large congregation, baptized *one* adult, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Lawson. At 7 P. M. preached again, and confirmed *two* persons. *Monday* and *Tuesday* were spent in visiting the members and friends of the Church. In the afternoon of *Tuesday*, I baptized *one* child, the infant son of the Rector. At 7 P. M. preached again, and confirmed *one* person.

At the late sale of the land lying on the north side of Pontotoc, a lot of five acres was purchased for \$30, by the Rector, for Church purposes, and was afterwards paid for by a friend in Vicksburg. A member of the congregation offers to add to this, another lot adjoining it, containing some three or four acres.

*Thursday*, 23.—Arrived at Holly Springs, but was prevented from preaching that night by rain. Preached *Friday* night, *Saturday* night, and *Sunday* forenoon and night. In the forenoon, the Holy Communion was administered. In the afternoon, I baptized *one* child, the infant daughter of the Rector, and catechized the children of the congregation. Although the number of catechumens was not large, I was much pleased with both the correct and understanding manner in which they answered the questions. During the evening, *five* were confirmed. The congregations on *Sunday* were unusually large, and manifested more than ordinary interest throughout the whole services.

Nothing is wanting to insure the rapid growth of this Parish, but the erection of a new and larger house of worship, and the enjoyment of the undivided labors of their Rector.

*Monday Evening*, 27.—Reached "Early Grove." The following day, I preached at 11 o'clock, to a congregation unusually large for a week-day's service. Preached again the next day at 11, baptized *three* adults and *four* children, and confirmed *four* persons. It was my intention to leave this place on *Thursday* morning, the 30th, for my next appointment, but so deep and serious was the interest manifested by the people, and so earnestly did they plead for another opportunity of hearing the Word of God, that I consented to remain until the afternoon of that day. Services were accordingly appointed for 11 o'clock, and were attended by a large and serious congregation. *Five* more adults and *one* infant were baptized, and *seven* were confirmed. Among those who ratified their baptismal vows on this occasion, was a venerable matron, who, more than sixty years ago, had been baptized by one of our ministers in North Carolina. During the long depression of the Church in that Diocese, and ever since her removal to the West, she has been indebted to the kind care of the Methodist denomination, for whatever Christian instruction and communion she has received. Now, that the Church of

her baptism and of her fathers, once more opens her arms to receive her, she returns to its fold, with a grateful remembrance, however, of those who did what they could for her in the time of her destitution. Before the hour of service, I baptized, at the house of one of the congregation, two miles distant, *one* adult, the mother of a family, and *six* children. My reason for baptizing this household in private was, that unavoidable causes prevented the attendance of some of them at the Church that day. The mother was baptized in order that she might, after giving herself to the Lord, be qualified to present her children to him in like manner.

During my three days' sojourn in this Parish, I visited from house to house, and had the satisfaction of thus meeting, at their own firesides, every family of the Parish, except one, that resided at too great a distance from the Church. A very earnest spirit seems, at this time, to animate this congregation; the fruit, no doubt, of the faithful and judicious culture of their late Pastor, Rev. Thomas B. Lawson.

A meeting of the Vestry was held during my visit, at which I was earnestly requested to send them, as soon as possible, a minister who would settle among them. They at the same time resolved, to invite the resident clergy of Holly Springs to officiate for them in the interim, as often as their other duties would permit.

*Nov. 30.*—Passed over to the Parish of St. Andrew's, and spent the next two days in visiting all the families. Preached on *Saturday*, and again on *Sunday* forenoon, at which time the Holy Communion was administered. In the afternoon, I preached to the negroes, who, as usual, gave earnest and thankful attention to my words. This parish is at present without a minister; their wisdom would be to unite with the neighboring Parish of St. John's, in supporting a Clergyman between the two places.

I have since heard that the Rev. Mr. Fagg, of the Diocese of Tennessee, has been invited to renew his former engagement with them.

*Monday, Dec. 4.*—Passed through LaGrange, Tenn., and reached Memphis that afternoon, where I had the pleasure of meeting and conversing with Bishop Otey.

*Tuesday, 5.*—Reached Hernando. Next day, *Wednesday*, 6th, preached and baptized *two* infants. The condition of this Parish is disheartening in the extreme.

*Dec. 7.*—Reached Mr. Wilson C. Newsom's. The next day, preached in the "Union Academy," two miles distant, to as many as the house would hold. The people were very attentive, and apparently favorably impressed by our services. The Holy Communion was administered to four persons.

*Saturday, 9.*—Reached Oxford. Next day, *Sunday*, 10th, preached in the forenoon in the Presbyterian Church, and administered the Holy Communion. I was to preach again at night, but was preven-

ted by rain. The two following days were spent chiefly in visiting the congregation. At 11 o'clock on *Monday*, the Rev. Mr. Lawson preached, and the rite of confirmation was administered to four persons. At night, I preached again. In these services, I was assisted by the Rev. Prof. Barnard, and by the Rev. Mr. Lawson, who has, throughout the last year, officiated monthly at this place, and rendered efficient service to this little flock. As Prof. Barnard is but yet in Deacon's Orders, Mr. Lawson has kindly consented to visit them as often as his engagements at other places will permit, while the Professor will cheerfully devote to them such time as he can consistently spare from his duty to the University.

The prospects of the congregation are more promising than ever; \$3000 has been subscribed for building a Church; they will commence probably in the Spring. Of the importance of this work, I have spoken more than once before this. While here, I was pleased to receive from one of the Senior Class, a notice of his desire to become a candidate for Holy Orders.

*December 13.*—Reached Coffeerville.

*December 14.*—Preached to a small congregation in the Presbyterian Church. Next day reached Mr. Junius Leigh's.

*December 15.*—Preached in Brooks' Chapel, and administered the Holy Communion.

*Sunday, 17.*—Preached in Grenada, forenoon and afternoon, in the Presbyterian Church, which had been kindly tendered, and at night, by request, in the Methodist Church. I was glad to see that, notwithstanding the mortifying circumstances connected with the brief ministrations of the Missionary sent to them last summer, the friends of the Church, both at this place and at Coffeerville, and in the intervening neighborhood, were not disposed to withhold their aid, in the support of another, and more worthy minister. I received assurances from each place, that the sums required of them last summer, would, notwithstanding the pressure of the times, be promptly subscribed.

*Tuesday, 19.*—Reached Capt. Jno. A. Binford's, and rested a night under his hospitable roof.

*Wednesday Evening, the 20th,* reached the residence of Mr. Phillips, who, together with one or two members of his family, constitute the only communicants in the neighborhood. Here I was agreeably surprised at meeting with Rev. Mr. Halsted, who had come to assist us in such services, as I might perform before reaching his Parish. The next day, *Thursday, 21st,* I preached at Middleton, in the Baptist Church, to a congregation of good size, notwithstanding the coldness of the weather, and its being an ordinary business day. There is, in this neighborhood, as in many others, within the Diocese, abundant material ready to be worked up into a living temple for the Lord of Hosts.

After the services, I rode to Carrollton, twelve miles distant, and preached that night, in the Presbyterian Church, to a large and attentive congregation. After the second lesson, I baptized *one* adult and *two* children.

I was assisted in the services here, as well as in Middleton, by Rev. Mr. Halsted. The few hours spent in this place, were occupied in visiting the individuals and families friendly to the Church. These, though sadly in the minority, are yet of sufficient number to encourage the hope that a flourishing Parish may, ere long, be built up between this place and Lexington.

Next morning I rode to Black Hawk, expecting to preach at 11 o'clock, but found, upon my arrival, that no notice of my appointment had been given out among the people. I was here met by several members of the neighboring Parish of Calvary Church, whom I accompanied on their return that afternoon.

*Saturday, 23.*—I preached to a small congregation in Calvary Church, and confirmed *two* persons.

*Sunday, 24.*—I preached to a pretty large number, assisted, as on the previous day, by the Rector of the Parish, Rev. Mr. Halsted. The Holy Communion was administered. After the conclusion of the day's services it was ascertained that a member of the congregation, who could not attend the day previous, was desirous of being both baptized and confirmed. Thereupon those who had not yet left the ground, were called back into the Church, and the candidate, after being first baptized by the Rector, was afterward confirmed. Notwithstanding the serious pecuniary losses of the Parish, during the last season, I was pleased to see signs of a growing interest in the Church, and of a determination to sustain her services. A plain, but comfortable, Rectory has been built within a few rods of the Church, and everything done to make their Rector feel how much they prize both him and his labors. A sewing society, formed not quite a year ago among the ladies of the congregation, has already caused its good effects to be seen and felt in various ways. The success, which has so far crowned the labors of these Sisters of Industry and Charity, may well encourage others to follow their praiseworthy example.

Accompanied by Mr. Halsted, I reached Lexington that afternoon, expecting to preach at 7 o'clock, but on arrival we found that there was a conflicting appointment for the same hour, and in the same house of worship. In the circumstances I thought it courteous to give way.

At 12 o'clock that night, I took the stage coach and reached Canton at 12 o'clock the next day, (the Day of our Lord's Nativity,) during the solemn and impressive exercises of the occasion. Although not in time to unite in the former part of its services, I was gratified at having it in my power, at the request of the Rector, to administer the Holy Communion to him and his flock. This Parish

is steadily on the increase, under the labor of its faithful and acceptable Rector.

On the 27th December I reached home, after an absence of nine weeks, and was made, once more, to feel truly thankful, on finding my family and household in health and safety.

*December 28.*—I admitted M. Leander Weller as a candidate for Holy Orders.

*Sunday, December 31.*—I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, and confirmed five persons; being assisted in the services by the Rector, and the Rev. Mr. Denniston.

*Sunday, January 17, 1855.*—In Christ Church, Vicksburg, I admitted the Rev. Frederick W. Damus to the Priesthood, and Mr. Samuel J. Hayward, from the Nashotah Seminary, to the Order of Deacons. The candidates were presented by the Rev. Jas. A. Fox, and the Rev. R. H. Weller, who, together with the Rector, took part in the varied services of the occasion. At my request, the sermon was preached by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Lord.

*Sunday, January 14.*—After spending the day previous, in visiting several families in the neighborhood, I preached at "Mount Albon." The congregation, though attentive and interested, was not so large as it otherwise would have been, on account of the short and imperfect notice given of my intended visit. The next day was, also, occupied in making myself further acquainted with the neighborhood. I was pleased to find the friends of the Church still desirous of obtaining her ministrations, as soon as possible; and, also, of getting up a female school, to be conducted under her auspices.

*Thursday, January 18.*—Being the day appointed by the Executive for a "General Thanksgiving," I assisted the Rev. Mr. Corbyn in the services of the occasion. I cannot avoid expressing, in this place, my sincere gratification at seeing a disposition, in our present Executive, as well as in his immediate predecessor, to observe this time-honored, and most becoming custom. No region, nor Commonwealth, has, during the last season, been more blessed of God than ours, in all things that we can reasonably call upon Him for. None, therefore, should be more ready to offer unto Him thanksgiving, either as individuals, or as a people. I would, myself, have designated a day for that purpose, at the close of the harvest, if I had not hoped that it would, in due time, be done by the Civil Authority. As each year draws to a close, and the "varied and kindly fruits of the earth" spread themselves before the view, the united thanks of a favored people should ascend together, with their heartfelt confessions of unworthiness, in the sight of the Giver of all good.

*Sunday, January 21.*—I preached in a new Presbyterian place of worship, on "Queen's Ridge," near Bolton's Depot. The congregation was fully as large as the inclemency of the day, and the shortness of the notice, could have bid me to hope for. The responses

were made by a few friends of the Church, who had, at other places, attended our services. Although there is no decided manifestation, in this region, in behalf of the Church, yet I feel confident that if any movement were begun, for the purpose of erecting, for us, a place of worship, it would meet with many friends.

*Thursday, January 25.*—I set out for a visitation of the counties of Washington and Bolivar, along the river.

On *Sunday*, the 28th, I preached at Lake Washington, and confirmed *three* persons. The congregation, though not large, filled the temporary place of worship, in which we were assembled. The beautiful Gothic Church, begun by this liberal people last summer, will be, when completed, one of the most finished and tasty structures, not only in our Diocese, but in the whole South-west.

Of the five days spent in this Parish, four were devoted to visiting the several families which compose it. Their late Rector, Rev. J. Avery Shepherd, during his short stay, and as long as his health would permit him to labor, was a faithful Pastor, indeed, to this little flock. It was truly affecting to hear the terms of thankfulness, in which the poor blacks spoke of his labors among them; and inquired when I would send them another, who would, in like manner, care for their souls. To a Clergyman possessed of the happy talent of adapting himself to the wants and the tastes of both master and slave, and willing to work for both, this spot affords one among the most desirable positions in the Diocese, and would, in every way, furnish an ample reward for his labors.

*Thursday, February 1.*—Reached Greenville, the county town of Washington county, and rode out to a settlement on Deer Creek, twelve miles distant, composed chiefly of members and friends of the Church. The next two days were spent in visiting the neighborhood. *Sunday, the 4th*, I preached at the residence of Judge Rucks, to a large and attentive collection of the neighboring families. During the services, *one* person was baptized, and at the close, was confirmed.

In the afternoon, I preached on the piazza of Judge R., to a congregation of blacks, and at the close of the exercises, baptized *twenty-four* adults, and *eight* children.

I was pleased to find that a sufficient sum had been subscribed, and a contract made, for building a Church in this neighborhood, and that there was both a willingness and ability to engage one-half, if not the whole, of a minister's services.

On *Monday*, the 5th, upon my way up the Creek, I baptized, at the residence of Dr. Samuel R. Dunn, *eight* of his children.

The two following days, 6th and 7th, were devoted to visiting the neighborhood of Lake Bolivar, where I was gratified at finding a number of families desirous of obtaining the ministrations of the Church, for themselves and their slaves, and wanting only some one to take the lead, in obtaining subscriptions, both for building a



Church, and making up a support for a minister. As this neighborhood is not more than twenty miles from that which I had just visited, I proposed to the friends of the Church, in both places, to unite in the support of a Clergyman, and, for the present, to be content with dividing his services between them. The extreme fertility of this region, together with its rapidly increasing population, promises to make it a permanent and fruitful field for the Church's labors.

On my return through Greenville, I baptized, *Thursday*, 8th, *three* children.

*Sunday*, *February* 11.—Assisted the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, in the services of the day.

*Sunday*, 18.—Again assisted the Rector of St. Andrew's.

*Sunday*, 25, was spent in Brandon, assisted by Rev. Mr. Greene, who officiates at this place twice a month. I preached in the forenoon, to a congregation rendered small by the inclemency of the weather.

*March* 3, 4 and 5, were spent in the Parish of St. Phillip's, Kirkwood. On *Sunday*, the 4th, I preached and confirmed *five* colored persons, and administered the Holy Communion. I was assisted in the services of the day by the Rector, the Rev. T. D. Ozanne, whose faithful labors are duly appreciated by his flock.

*March* 5.—Admitted Henry Louis O'Neil, as a candidate for Holy Orders.

*Tuesday*, 6.—I preached at Sharon, at 7½ P. M., in the Chapel of Madison College. The Rev. Mr. Sansom met me at this place, and united with me in the services. There are, here, a few persons zealously attached to the Church, but not yet of sufficient number to justify the organization of a congregation. Mr. Sansom officiates for them once a month, and oftener, whenever his other engagements will permit.

*Wednesday*, 7.—I preached in the evening at Canton, assisted by Mr. Sansom, and confirmed *one* person.

*Thursday*, 8.—I reached Yazoo City in the morning, and remained in that place and neighborhood the four following days.

On *Saturday*, 10th, I visited the plantation of George S. Yerger, Esq., and after preaching to the colored assembly, that crowded the rustic little Chapel, I confirmed *six* of Mr. Yerger's servants, and *six* of Mr. James D. Stewart's. The earnest and devout attention of this congregation, together with the willingness of so many of them, to dedicate themselves to the service of God, gives good evidence that the labors of the Rev. Mr. Scott, have not been bestowed upon them in vain.

At 7 o'clock in the evening, I preached in Yazoo City, and again on *Sunday* morning. On the latter occasion I administered the Holy Communion, being assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Scott. At night, after a sermon by the Rector, I confirmed *one* person. This Parish has been without a minister for nearly twelve months.

The Rev. Mr. Scott, at the general wish of the vestry and congregation, has again taken charge of the Parish. After visiting all the families of the congregation, except one, which was out of the town, I returned home on *Monday* night.

On *Wednesday*, the 14th, at the request of the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Lord, I made a special visit to Christ Church, Vicksburg, and confirmed *seven* persons. *One* of the candidates, at her own request, at the same time, received, at my hands, the baptism of the Church, being dissatisfied with that which had previously been administered.

*Friday*, 16.—I visited the "Chapel of the Cross," and the next day preached at 11, to a mixed congregation of whites and blacks, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Sansom. During the services, two persons received Church baptism, at the Rector's hands.

In the afternoon, at the close of the services, and after a short address from the Rev. Mr. Sansom and myself, *eight* blacks were baptized by the Rector, within the Church, and *three* others by immersion, in a pool not far distant.

The next day, *Sunday*, 18th, I preached at 11, and administered the Holy Communion. *Two* persons were confirmed. In the afternoon, the Church was again opened for the special benefit of the blacks. The services were so conducted, on this occasion, as well as the day previous, as to allow every person present, blacks as well as whites, the opportunity and benefit of joining their voices with that of their Bishop and Pastor, in the beautiful devotions of our Liturgy.

The *eleven* servants baptized the day previous, were then confirmed. My heart was made glad at beholding these honest and earnest-minded servants, seeking on one day to be admitted through the door of baptism into the Church of Christ, and the next to "renew and ratify" their vow to "keep God's Holy Will and Commandments, and to "walk in the same all the days of their life." But if this sight was pleasing to me, how much more heartfelt delight must it have conveyed to her, whose pious liberality had built that house for God, and placed such ample means of instruction within their reach; to him, whose zealous and untiring labor had won them into the fold of Christ; and to that humble and devoted Catechist, who, from week to week, had so freely given them her prayers, and her labors.

The next day, accompanied by Mr. Sansom, I rode twelve miles to visit a sick friend, Mr. Stephen Britton, who, after being baptized by Mr. Sansom, was confirmed, and partook of the Holy Communion. The scene in that sick chamber was most solemn and impressive. And it was the more full of hope, because the offering then made of himself to God, was no sudden and extorted service, but the result of months of serious thought and self-examination, on the part of the candidate. At his earnest request, I returned to his house on the following *Thursday*, and after appropriate services, preached for the benefit of himself and neighbors.

*Sunday, 25.*—I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, being assisted by the Rector, the Rev. A. D. Corbyn, and the Rev. Mr. Denniston. On this occasion *ten* persons were confirmed.

There are decided signs of growth and prosperity in this Parish, since the present Rector has taken it in charge; more so than at any period since its organization.

*Friday, March 30.*—In St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, I administered the baptism of the Church to a beloved sister, who had been a communicant of the Church for many years, with no other than Lay baptism.

*Saturday, March 31.*—I set out on my southern visitation.

*Sunday, April 1.*—Preached in Raymond, being assisted in the services by the Rector, the Rev. James Philson, and Rev. Mr. Weller. The Holy Communion was administered, and *two* persons were confirmed. The congregation at this place, though small in number, and of recent organization, gives good promise of reward to the diligent labors of its Pastor. It was hoped that their new Church, now near completion, would have been prepared for the services of this occasion, but owing to some vexatious delay, we were compelled to assemble in a school-room, too small to hold more than three-fourths of the number that had come together on the occasion.

In the afternoon, I passed over to Clinton, and preached that night in the large and commodious school-room of the Mt. Salus Academy, which had been appropriately fitted up for the occasion. The Rector of the school, Rev. Mr. Weller, assisted in the worship. *Two* persons were confirmed. I cannot forego the pleasure of testifying, in this place, to the excellence of this school for girls. Possessing, as it does, a judicious and energetic head, a corps of laborious and conscientious teachers, a healthy and central position, and ample accommodations for twice its present number, I trust that it is yet to acknowledge much more of the patronage of the Church, than it has hitherto received. After the present pecuniary pressure has passed away, it is hoped that the congregation here will set about the erection of a building, which they so much need, and without which they cannot expect to advance far beyond their present state. *Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday*, were occupied in visiting the congregations of both Clinton and Raymond.

*Thursday morning, 5.*—I left the hospitable roof of Col. Thos. S. Dabney, for Epiphany Parish, Claiborne county. On my way, I stopped an hour or two in the village of Utica, and baptized *one* infant.

Four days were spent in Epiphany Parish. On Good Friday, the Church was opened for divine service; but few attended. The Rector, Rev. Mr. Presbury, assisted in the devotions of the day; after which I made a short address to those present, on the appropriate observance of that solemn fast.

*Sunday, 8.*—Being Easter Day, was duly observed, by the appointed sacrifice of prayer and praise, by the preaching of the Word,

and by the administration of the Holy Communion. After Divine service, I baptized *two* children. In the afternoon, I rode thirteen miles to Port Gibson, and preached that evening to a small congregation. The Church *will yet arise and flourish in this place*. But it will be among a generation that has learned not to "despise the day of small things."

My next appointment was for the Hurricane, the residence of Joseph E. Davis, Esq., one of the two points occupied by Rev. Mr. Damus, in his Missionary operations. On *Wednesday*, the 11th, assisted by Mr. Damus, I officiated in a large and commodious room prepared for the purpose. During the services, I baptized *one* adult, and after preaching, confirmed *two* colored persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

The next day, I passed over to "Diamond Place," the residence of Edmund Laughlin, Esq., the other point of Mr. Damus' labors. In the evening, Divine service was celebrated in the rustic, but commodious, Chapel fitted up for that purpose, and I addressed those present, chiefly blacks, on the approaching solemnities of the morrow.

The next day, the house was crowded by a full attendance of the servants, together with the family of the place, and a few others. At the close of the services, confirmation was administered to *five* colored persons. In the devout and interested attention of the congregations at this place and the Hurricane, as well as in the number and progress of the catechumens at both places, there is satisfying evidence of the zeal and faithfulness with which they have been instructed. At eleven o'clock that night, I took a steamer for Grand Gulf, my next appointment. On *Sunday*, the 15th, I preached in the Methodist Church, which was kindly tendered for the occasion, and also administered the Holy Communion. After visiting all the families in the congregation, I proceeded to my next appointment, the Convocation at Christ Church, Jefferson county. Here I was met by the Rev. Messrs. Presbury, Babcock and Reighley, who, together with the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Mr. Miller, kept up the worship of God, and the preaching of His Word, both forenoon and afternoon, for four days. The attendance was large on each day, but especially on *Sunday*, the 22d, when, in addition to the Holy Communion, the rite of Confirmation was administered; *seven* renewed, in that rite, the solemn vow and promise that was made for them in their baptism; and *three* others, who had been confirmed some years before, obeyed, for the first time, the command, "Do this in remembrance of me."

And here, brethren, I take pleasure in remarking the increasing faithfulness of the Clergy, in presenting before their flocks, right views of the nature and obligations of this rite of Confirmation. In this, as in all other things which concern our salvation, the extremes on both sides are to be avoided. Instead of being regarded as a mere *form*, through which the young are expected to pass, so soon as they have attained a certain age, and have committed to memory

the Catechism of the Church, it should be represented to all who seek its blessings, as a *voluntary dedication of themselves to the service of God, and a solemn promise to keep all His Commandments*. But at the same time, there should be freely exhibited such views of God's abounding mercy, through Christ, of the promised help of the Holy Spirit, and of the love and fellow-feeling of the Redeemer of souls, for all who humbly and penitently approach him, as will encourage the timid, help the weak in faith, and draw the young with the cords of love.

The four days of Convocation, spent at this place, will long and thankfully be remembered by all who shared in its privileges. That similar meetings are not oftener held in other parts of the Diocese, is owing to the distance which the greater portion of our Clergy reside from each other, and the consequent difficulty of getting a sufficient number of them together.

On *Tuesday*, 24th, I preached in the Chapel of the College, at Washington, baptized *one* infant, and confirmed *two* persons. The congregation at this place, though small in number, are making efforts to erect a Church, and to procure the services of a regular Pastor. The Rev. Mr. Reighley, the President of the College, has for some time given them his services, and kindly offers to continue them until they obtain a Pastor.

The next six days were spent in Trinity Parish, Natchez. The Church was open for Divine service on *Friday* and *Saturday*, as well as *Sunday*, the 29th. The Rev. Messrs. Miller and Reighley, as well as the Rector, Rev. Mr. Babcock, took part in the services. The Holy Communion was administered in the forenoon of *Sunday*, and *nine* persons were confirmed. In the afternoon, *one* other, who was confined to her room by sickness, received the laying on of hands in private. The children of the congregation were catechized before service. I was thankful to see in this Parish, signs of increasing seriousness and devotion to the great business of life.

After leaving Natchez, I visited Laurel Hill, the former residence of Wm. M. Mercer, Esq. My intention was to preach to the numerous blacks at that place, and to such of the neighbors as might come together for that purpose. But on my arrival, it was found that the notice of my coming had been received too late to admit of the necessary arrangements. It is much to be regretted that no suitable clergyman has yet been found to fill that important position; important, I mean, as to the number of souls that would there need to be instructed in the things of salvation.

In St. Paul's Parish, Woodville, I spent the 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th of May. On *Sunday*, the 6th, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Pardee, I preached, administered the Lord's Supper, and confirmed *four* persons. This Parish has suffered much from being frequently, and for long periods, without a Rector. The Rev. Mr. Pardee, of the Diocese of New York, has been ministering to them for the last three months, and they fondly hope to retain him among them.

On *Tuesday*, the 8th, I reached home, after an absence of nearly six weeks. The following *Friday*, I visited the Parish of Christ Church, Vicksburg, and on *Sunday*, the 13th, preached and confirmed six persons. In the afternoon, the children of the congregation were catechized. This Parish continues, from year to year, to show gratifying signs of increase.

I thus bring to an end the record of another year's labors. If any thing has been done acceptable to God, to his name be all the glory. Whereinsoever I have failed in my duty, may I be forgiven for Christ's sake.

Within the Ecclesiastical year which, this day comes to an end, every Parish and congregation of the Diocese has been visited once, and some, which were not distant from my residence, repeatedly.

I have baptized *sixty-four* infants, of whom *eight* were colored, and *forty-five* adults, of whom *twenty-four* were colored.

*One hundred and fifty-three* have been confirmed, of whom *thirty-nine* were colored.

*Two* Priests have been ordained, and *two* Deacons.

*Two* Candidates for Orders have been added to our list.

The number of Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, is *thirty*.

*One* has died, the Rev. J. Lloyd Johnston.

*Two* have been transferred to other Dioceses; the Rev. J. Avery Shepherd, to California, and Rev. Chauncey Colton, D. D., to Louisiana.

*Eight* have been received into the Diocese, viz.; Rev. J. Lloyd Johnston, (since deceased,) from Louisiana; Rev. T. S. W. Mott, from North Carolina; Rev. Joshua Sweet, from Wisconsin; Rev. James W. Rogers, from Tennessee; Rev. Chas. H. Disbrow, from Maryland; Rev. W. Clotworthy, from Illinois; Rev. Fred. A. P. Barnard, from Alabama; Rev. Wm. C. Stout, from Tennessee.

The Rev. Samuel J. Hayward, was transferred to the Diocese, while a candidate for Orders, and was ordained by me, in January last.

The Rev. Charles Reighley, Rev. R. H. Ranney, Rev. Isaac Pardee, are resident within the Diocese, but have not yet been canonically transferred to its jurisdiction.

The name of Rev. A. P. Merrill still lingers on our list, but it has been some years since his residence was known to any one in the Diocese.

The Rev. Ambrose Smith, a Clergyman of the Church of England, has been, for some time, engaged in teaching on the Gulf shore, and is prepared to present to me, from his late Bishop, the testimonials necessary to his transfer.

The following additions and changes have taken place with regard to the Clergy, since my last Report:

The Rev. Fred. A. P. Barnard, fills the Chair of Mathematics in

our University at Oxford, and officiates, temporarily, for the Church in that place.

Rev. Mr. Boyd, though retaining his Canonical residence in this Diocese, has, for the greater part of the last year, labored in Kentucky.

Rev. Mr. Clotworthy took charge of the Church of the Messiah in June last, but expects soon to seek another field of labor.

Rev. A. D. Corbyn, upon his resignation of the Rectorship of our College, was called to be the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

Rev. Mr. Denniston, since his ordination in October, has been engaged, under my direction, in the further pursuit of his studies, and the performance of such missionary and other duties, in Jackson and the neighborhood, as will best prepare him for future usefulness in the Pastoral office.

Rev. Charles A. Disbrow took charge of the Church in Aberdeen some time in December, and continues to labor acceptably in that promising field.

Rev. James S. Greene, since October last, has acted as Professor of Ancient Languages, in the College of St. Andrew.

Rev. Samuel J. Hayward immediately after his ordination in January, took in charge the Missionary field in Coffeeville, Grenada, and the intervening country.

Rev. Mr. Lawson has removed from Pontotoc to Okalona, and added to his many other labors, the care of a school for girls, which he will endeavor to conduct upon the true principles of education and the Church.

Rev. Mr. Mott has accepted a call to St. Paul's Church, Columbus, and has, for more than six months, been giving them the benefit of his services.

Rev. Mr. Ozanne is about to unite a Female School to his charge of St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood.

Rev. John Philson, who was appointed to the charge of Grand Gulf and Port Gibson, has, with my consent, withdrawn his services from the latter place, and bestowed them on a promising field of labor in the Diocese of Louisiana, opposite to Grand Gulf.

Rev. James Philson, soon after taking Priest's Orders, took in charge the Parishes of St. Mark's, Raymond, and St. Matthew's, Clinton, vacated by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Weller.

Rev. James W. Rogers took the charge of St. Thomas' Hall, Holly Springs, in November last; and in addition to his school duties, has, for some time, been officiating on two Sundays in the month, for the congregation of St. John's, Early Grove.

Rev. Mr. Sill has recently resigned the Rectorship of Christ Church, Holly Springs, with the design of giving his whole attention to his School.

Rev. Wm. C. Stout has so recently been transferred to this jurisdiction, that no field of labor has yet been assigned him.

Rev. Joshua Sweet was appointed Rector of our College in Janu-

ary last, and continues faithfully to fill that onerous and responsible trust.

Rev. R. H. Weller, having resigned the charge of Clinton and Raymond, gives his undivided attention to his school.

There are six Candidates for Orders, viz: Messrs. A. Burton Peabody, Thos. B. Bailey, Wm. Clark, George Stewart, M. Leander Weller, and Henry Louis O'Neill.

Mr. Peabody will graduate in a few weeks, at Nashotah, and be ordained, at my request, by the Bishop of Wisconsin. In October, he will enter on his labors in this Diocese.

I am highly gratified at being able to state, in this connection, that the Sunday scholars of Trinity Church, Natchez, have, by their weekly contributions, made up a sum, large enough to meet the necessary expenses of two candidates at Nashotah; and that an amount sufficient for the support of another candidate, has nearly in good part been contributed by a congregation at one of our river plantations, of which nine-tenths are slaves. Let us pray, brethren, that God may put it into the hearts of some of our young men, to give themselves up to His service, seeing that provision is thus freely offered beforehand, to defray the expenses of their preparation.

Mr. George Stewart, who has, for more than two years, acted as Agent of the "Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge," has, with my consent, resigned his agency, and will henceforth give his whole time to his preparation for the Ministry.

After thus setting before you, as was my bounden duty, a statement of the present condition of the Diocese, I trust it will not be vain-glorious in the view of any, if we look back over the five years last past, through which a good Providence has led us, and see how it has fared with our Zion:

	1850.	1855.
The number of Clergy, - - -	15	30
The number of Parishes, - - -	24	33.
The number of Families, - - -	250	700
The number of Baptisms, - - -	196	629
The number of Confirmations, - - -	60	153
The number of Communicants, - - -	405	941
The number of Candidates for Orders, none,		6

We had *then* no College or Church Schools, male or female; no Episcopal residence, nor fund for the support of the Episcopate; no Missionary, Prayer Book, nor Tract Society; no press, to diffuse information and sound instruction throughout the Diocese.

*Now*, we have thankfully to acknowledge that all of these, in greater or lesser measure, have been bestowed upon us.

But, dear brethren, whilst thus gratefully recounting God's mercies to us, let us remember to whom the praise and honor are due. After cheerfully conceding to both Clergy and Laity the merit of having done what they could, your Bishop begs to unite his suppli-



cations with yours, for forgiveness for our many short-comings, as well as for a continuance of the unmerited goodness which has been showed towards us.

But at the same time that a sense of what is due to God and our ourselves, calls for this humble and heartfelt acknowledgment, let us not forget, brethren, that we are but at the commencement of our work. The whole field, in all its length and breadth, is before us. And much of "the burthen and heat of the day" is yet to be endured, before our individual tasks shall have been accomplished, or our beloved Zion shall be able to arise and show herself in all her strength, as well as beauty, before those who now either pass by, or mock at her claims.

Among the labors yet to be performed, and that call most loudly for the hearty and united effort of the whole Diocese, is the support and advancement of our Diocesan College. Founded in faith and prayer, and upheld mainly, under God, by the liberal contributions of a few friends and members of the Church, it has, for more than three years, struggled against obstacles that seldom stop the path of such Institutions. Among these, may be chiefly noted the two seasons of Epidemic, which have successively visited the neighboring city of Jackson.

Although no single case of the disease has occurred among either the pupils, or the household of the College, yet the knowledge that it existed within so short a distance, at the opening of two of our Terms, was sufficient to keep away many pupils, who would, in other circumstances, have been sent to us. This, together with other causes, has so reduced the number of pupils, as to make the receipts of the Institution fall considerably below its unavoidable expenditures.

I am pleased at being able to state to you, that, at no previous period, has there been anything in the internal management of the College, entitling it to more of the confidence and patronage of the Diocese. The present Rector gives his whole time and thoughts to the fulfilment of his onerous duties. Order, and neatness, and economy, pervade every department. The studies of the several classes are quietly pursued under the respective instructors. The College grounds are in beautiful order, and the necessary wants of each student are supplied with a parent's care. All that is wanting, is the means to meet a debt of six or eight thousand dollars, which has been unavoidably incurred, and the future favor and patronage of the parents and guardians of the Diocese. With even a reasonable portion of the contributions and patronage which it has a right to look for at the hands of the friends of the Church, St. Andrew's would soon take such a stand amid the Colleges of our land, as would make us content, if not proud, to educate our sons within our own borders. Brethren, I commend this Institution of your own creation, to your fostering care. It loudly and feelingly appeals to every

section and every member of the Diocese; but especially does it claim the attention of the middle and southern portions of the State, inasmuch as the northern and eastern sections have more conveniently at hand, the excellent school of St. Thomas' Hall. I trust in God, that our present deliberations will not be closed, before, with strong and united will, and under the divine guidance, we devise some sure means, not only to save this Institution from ruin, but to ensure to it a degree of prosperity which it has never yet enjoyed.

I am pleased to learn, from the Rector of St. Thomas' Hall, that that Institution promises to realize the just hopes entertained for it by its friends and patrons. The success which has hitherto attended the labors of Mr. Rogers, as a teacher, affords a sufficient guaranty for his efficiency in the responsible post which he now fills.

Of the three Female schools conducted by Clergymen of the Diocese, and which, more or less, partake of a Church character, I am thankful to say, that they are doing good service in the cause of sound education and religious training. The Rev. Dr. Savage has, within the last year, largely increased the number of his pupils, as well as the facilities for their introduction. The Rev. Mr. Sill now gives his undivided attention to his school. And the Rev. Mr. Weller does the same to the Mount Salus Academy, at Clinton.

The Rev. Mr. Lawson has lately opened a female school in Okolona. And the Rev. Mr. Ozanne proposes to do the same at Kirkwood.

Let our best wishes and prayers, brethren, accompany these efforts to train aright, the minds and hearts of our daughters. May the labors of these brethren be abundantly rewarded, both here and hereafter.

The next subject to which I would direct your attention, is the condition of our Diocesan paper, the Church Herald. Although acknowledged, on all hands, to be conducted with much ability; and prized as a sound instructor, and a medium of Church intelligence, yet its subscription list has never yet been sufficient to justify its continuance beyond the first experiment. Having, on more occasions than one, invoked the aid of Churchmen in its behalf, I will now simply submit to your judgments and your hearts, brethren of the Clergy and Laity, whether this praiseworthy enterprise shall, for the want of two or three hundred more subscribers, be brought to an untimely end.

And, permit me here, Brethren of the Laity, to say a word to you on a subject, which a becoming delicacy, on the part of your respective Pastors, prevents them from bringing before your view; I mean the pecuniary compensation which you allow for the support of them and their families. Be it far from me, dear brethren, to impute to the people of this Diocese, any unusual guiltiness in this matter. No, it is a wrong that is chargeable on too many besides ourselves. But does this lessen your own guilt? Or should it prevent you

from looking to it as a matter involving your best interests, and creating a special and solemn responsibility to God. To what course but this, the inadequacy of Clerical salaries, may be ascribed, the frequent change of residence, so often and injuriously charged upon the Clergy? At this very moment I have before me, letters from more than twelve Clergymen, (and the larger portion of them were of standing, too, in their respective Dioceses,) asking, I might almost say, begging a situation among us, in which they may find a decent subsistence, and nothing more, for the dear ones whom God has given them. Let each one of you, on returning to your homes; and let every one whose eye may fall upon these words, seriously put the question to himself, whether he is doing all in this matter, that an enlightened conscience will approve in the hour of death.

On the subject of the "memorial" laid before our last House of Bishops, and referred by that body to a commission of five of its members, I will now say nothing more than to commend it to your serious and prayerful consideration, and to request such of you as deem the matter of sufficient moment to the future welfare of the Church, to make known your views, to those who are appointed to consider it, and to report to the next ensuing Council of the Church.

I feel it a duty, before closing this address, to say a few words concerning the "Bishop White Prayer Book Society." That most useful and praiseworthy institution has, within a few years past, given no less than two thousand seven hundred and three Prayer Books to this Diocese; and has, I am ashamed to say, received, from us in return, not more than one hundred and fifty-six dollars. From a late circular sent to its friends and patrons, I learn that, from a neglect on the part of many of the Diocese, to respond to its calls, it has been compelled, for a time, to withhold its hand from the good work, in which it has so long, and so zealously, been engaged. I would earnestly recommend, as a token of our gratified remembrance, that in addition to our hearty recommendation of its objects and its labors, some amount, however small, be added to its funds, before we separate.

I will detain you but a moment longer, for the purpose of informing you that I have just published a Catechism for young children, intended as an introduction to the Church Catechism. It is the work of a former Parishioner, and beloved sister in Christ, in North Carolina, and embodies the results of more than thirty years experience, in training the lambs of Christ's flock. I have, for several years, used it in manuscript, in my own family, and can cordially recommend it, not only to parents and school teachers, but to those planters who desire a simple and comprehensive system of religious truth, for the oral instruction of their slaves. Copies will be forwarded at the order of any Parish or individual.

I will now conclude, with the fervent prayer that the God and

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may, by His good Spirit, dispose our hearts more and more to His service, and of His abounding goodness, prosper the work which He has given us to do.

WM. M. GREEN.

On motion, the Address of the Bishop was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Convention then took a recess, for the purpose of attending Divine Service, which was celebrated at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. Wm. R. Babcock, of Trinity Church, Natchez, read prayers, assisted by the Rev. T. D. Ozanne, of St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood; and the Rev. Mr. Sansom, of Grace Church, Canton, preached from the Epistle of St. John. v chap., 4th verse: "This is the victory that overcometh the world; even our faith."

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order, at 11 o'clock, by the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of the Diocese.

Mr. C. C. Shackelford, a Lay Delegate from Grace Church, Canton, appeared and took his seat.

A motion was made and carried, to proceed to the election of Diocesan officers, and the ballot being on motion, and by a unanimous vote, dispensed with, the following named gentlemen were duly, and unanimously, elected:

#### STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. W. Lord,	Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,
Rev. A. D. Corbyn,	Mr. W. C. Smedes.
Rev. R. H. Weller,	

#### TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND AND CHURCH PROPERTY.

Mr. W. C. Smedes,  
Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,  
Hon. Charles Scott.

#### TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. W. R. Babcock,  
Rev. W. W. Lord,  
Mr. Geo. S. Yerger.

#### ECCLIASTICAL COURT.

Rev. B. M. Miller,	Rev. H. Sansom,
Rev. A. D. Corbyn,	Rev. W. W. Lord.
Rev. W. Presbury,	

Parish histories of St. Paul's Church, Woodville, as prepared by the Rev. James A. Fox; and of Christ Church, Vicksburg, as prepared by James Roach, Esq., were presented to the Convention.

Notice was given, that the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi, would be held immediately after Divine Service to-night.

A Parochial Report from Calvary Church, Holmes county, was presented, read, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

It was moved that the next Convention of this Diocese should be held on the *third Thursday of May, 1856*, which was amended so as to read the *fourth Thursday*.

An amendment to change the time to the *fourth Friday*, was offered and lost, and the question being taken upon the original motion as amended, it was carried.

A motion was then made, that *the City of Vicksburg* be selected as the place for the session of the next Convention, which, after amendments to substitute therefor, *the City of Jackson*, and *the Town of Canton*, had been offered and lost, was carried.

So the Convention decided that the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi, should be held at Christ Church, in the city of Vicksburg, on the fourth Thursday of May, A. D. 1856.\*

The Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, in behalf of the Trustees of St. Andrew's College, laid before the Convention, a Report as to the situation and prospects of the College of St. Andrew, covering a Report from the Rector of the College, which were received, read, ordered to be spread upon the minutes of the Convention, and referred to the Committee on Diocesan Schools:

## R E P O R T

### OF THE BISHOP, UPON THE COLLEGE OF ST. ANDREW.

It is made my duty to report to the Convention the situation and prospects of St. Andrew's College. I cannot better perform this duty, than by referring the Convention to the Report made by the Rector to me, which I herewith append:

\* This was subsequently reconsidered, and altered, by a vote of the Convention, to the fourth Friday of April, 1856.—See'r.

It is with deep regret that I have to say the Institution has not met with the encouragement, nor been sustained as its friends anticipated, and hoped it would have been. Many causes have led to this result, some of which, it is not my intention, at this time, to name, because I consider them obviated, although their influence is still, and will be, for a time yet, felt. Among, however, the principal causes, has been the prevalence of yellow fever at Jackson. It is true the fever never reached the College. Never have, including professors, students and servants, the inmates of an institution enjoyed better health, than those of St. Andrew's College; yet the dread of yellow fever, notwithstanding these facts, has had a blighting influence on its prospects.

Another, and principal cause, has been the price of board and tuition. Nearly all the schools and institutions in the State are less. This has prevented very many from sending their sons.

Another cause has been the frequent change of instructors. This has caused a want of confidence in the Institution. I have every reason to believe, if these causes can be removed, the Institution must prosper. Moreover, inquiries, within the last eighteen months, were made of me, throughout the Diocese, in regard to this Institution.

Many desired to send their sons, but such was the existing state of things, when these inquiries were made, that a favorable and satisfactory answer could not be given to these inquiries.

Can these obstacles be removed? It is believed they can.

1. By reducing the entrance fee, and the charges for board and tuition.

2. By placing the discipline of the College, the employment of the professors, etc., in the hands of the Rector; subject only to removal for abuse.

3. By Churchmen, throughout the Diocese, uniting in its support, as the members of other denominations unite in support of their institutions.

I have every confidence in the ability and prudence of the present Rector. The longer he is known, the more he will be appreciated; and I have great confidence in his management of the internal affairs of the College.

It is true the College is in debt. It was in debt and depressed before he took charge of it. But, it is believed, with only a part of the encouragement afforded to former Rectors, he will, ultimately, succeed in restoring the character of the College, and in making it an efficient instrument in cultivating, both morally and intellectually, the youth of Mississippi.

I desire, particularly, to call the attention of the Convention to the facts detailed by the Rector.

WM. M. GREEN.

## COLLEGE OF ST. ANDREW.

*Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, Chancellor,*

*and President of the Board of Trustees.*

SIR—The undersigned became Rector, and entered upon the duties of the office, the 1st of January, 1855. At that time, the number of students was twenty-five, of whom six were boarders at the College. The greatest number, since that time, was thirty-eight, of whom twelve were boarders. The present number is twenty-eight. Two have left in consequence of removal, one from sickness, one from inability to pay the charges, four from the calls of business, one, *cause* not known, and one left when he ascertained that I had written to his father, requesting him to withdraw his son from the College.

I found the College in a very depressed condition. The Institution was involved in debt, and had neither money nor credit. All the money due for the first five months, from the students then in attendance, had been collected and expended, except in three instances, from which I have since received \$217 25, and, I believe, two others, on which I have received nothing. This rendered it impossible to obtain money from this source, in any case, till the 1st of March, and in most of them, till the 15th of April. In a few instances, the dues for the entire Term were paid.

I have found it exceedingly difficult to collect the College dues, in nearly every case. The scarcity of money is said to be the cause. I had to give my word, that what I purchased, should be paid for every month, before I could obtain supplies for the table. Finding that I could not collect sufficient money to fulfill my promise, I saw no way to proceed, unless I dismissed all the students that board at the College, and all but one servant, and thus endeavor to make our way through the Term. At this critical moment, you most generously came to our aid, and, by pledging your individual credit at three different mercantile establishments in Jackson, enabled us to go on.

Our expenses have been materially increased by the very high prices of provisions, and all the common necessities of life.

All the money I have received as the property of the College, since Jan. 1st., 1855, amounts to	\$ 644 72
Sum due to the College, is about	2059 05
Sum which the College owes, May 15, 1855,	2352 37

On assuming the Rectorship of the College, and becoming somewhat acquainted with its affairs, it seemed to me that several changes were very desirable, if not indispensable, to the future prosperity of the Institution. But as some of them required the action of the Board of Trustees, such only have been made, as were imperatively demanded by the necessities of our condition.

I am happy to have it in my power to say, that order and good government are firmly established; system, regularity and efficiency

prevail in all our internal operations, and the domestic affairs of the College are in a creditable state. The progress of the students has, in general, been good.

I found no system of religious instruction in existence, when I came here. Believing that none could be advantageously adopted, that did not form a part of our daily working system, and that none such should be attempted without the action of the Trustees, none has yet been introduced. Divine Service, according to the Liturgy of the Church, has been celebrated regularly, morning and evening, and occasionally I have had service at the College on Sundays. On every other Lord's Day, we have attended Church in Jackson.

The present faculty consists of the Rector, a Professor of Mathematics, and a Professor of the Latin Language. The Greek language, several branches of science, and English literature, are taught by the Rector, and the Professors teach the branches of learning indicated by the titles of their Professorships.

I have received important aid in the discipline of the College, from the Professor of Mathematics, and I wish to call attention to his services with special commendation. I regard Professor Barry as a very superior mathematical instructor.

The College Library consists of one thousand volumes, to which has recently been added, a valuable donation, by Geo. S. Yerger, Esq. The books have been arranged in good order, and the library room put in as good condition as it can be, till it has been completed.

I have been requested, by individual members of the Trustees, to suggest such changes as I considered necessary and practicable. I have, accordingly, noted the most important, and they are indicated in papers which accompany this report. I wish to call special attention to them.

The details of the financial condition of the College, since I became Rector, are contained in papers appended to this report.

JOSHUA SWEET, Rector.

#### Schedule A.

##### DEBTS DUE COLLEGE—

— Boothe,	-	-	-	\$269 15
Hon. W. Yerger,	-	-	-	205 00
— Stuart,	-	-	-	176 00
Mrs. J. Price,	-	-	-	20 00
Mr. C. A. Parker,	-	-	-	20 00
Hon. James Rucks,	-	-	-	35 00
Mrs. L. Horn,	-	-	-	5 00
Mrs. Dickson,	-	-	-	20 00
Hon. Charles Scott.	-	-	-	35 00
R. H. Weller,	-	-	-	238 15



Col. Battley,	-	-	-	84 00
W. Hunter,	-	-	-	22 25
Mr. Lewis,	-	-	-	19 00
James S. Greene,	-	-	-	228 00
R. E. Starke,	-	-	-	182 00
Mrs. Martin,	-	-	-	28 00
Mrs. Reid,	-	-	-	162 50
Mr. Joshua Green,	-	-	-	36 00
Gen. P. B. Starke,	-	-	-	274 00
				<hr/> \$2059 08

## SALARIES, &amp;c., TO AUG. 1, 1855—

M. D. Barry,	-	-	\$540 00
Rev. J. S. Greene,	-	-	400 00
Rev. J. Sweet,	-	-	800 00
			<hr/> \$1740 00

## SERVANTS' HIRE, TO AUG. 1, 1855, - 508 00

## OUTSTANDING DEBTS, MAY 1, 1855—

To Mr. Daniels,	-	-	29 28
Ricker & York, (note,)	-	-	29 90
A. Verden & Co.,	-	-	26 84
W. Brown,	-	-	168 41
T. M. Ellis,	-	-	116 17
Sundries,	-	-	14 90
			<hr/> \$ 385 45
			<hr/> \$2633 45

**Schedule B.**

## ACCOUNT CURRENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, TO MAY 12, 1855—

*DR.*

By cash received from Albert Yerger,	-	-	\$ 11 22
" " " Judge Ruks,	-	-	100 00
" " " Bishop Green,	-	-	70 00
" " " R. H. Weller,	-	-	100 00
" " " J. C. McRaven,	-	-	30 00
" " " Mrs. Julia Price,	-	-	20 00
" " " Sam'l Lemly,	-	-	25 00
" " " W. Sharkey,	-	-	47 25
" " " Col. Hardeman,	-	-	100 00
" " " Bishop Green,	-	-	50 00
" " " Mrs. H. Amis,	-	-	91 25

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\$644 72

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By cash paid to Riley & Bailey,	-	-	-	\$ 5 25
" " Riley & Bailey,	-	-	-	6 00
" " S. T. Moseley,	-	-	-	30 00
" " Johnston Sproule,	-	-	-	25 00
" " Ellen Peters,	-	-	-	27 00
" " W. J. Brown,	-	-	-	81 59
" " Post-Office,	-	-	-	7 87
" " S. T. Moseley,	-	-	-	25 00
" " D. N. Barrows,	-	-	-	60 00
" " Joseph Jarvis,	-	-	-	6 00
" " Ewing & Sessions,	-	-	-	9 00
" " Ellen Peters,	-	-	-	15 00
" " W. Barker,	-	-	-	5 90
" " A. Verden & Co.,	-	-	-	13 08
" " W. J. Brown,	-	-	-	12 00
" " Samuel Lemly,	-	-	-	7 50
" " Dan'l Nicholson,	-	-	-	30 75
" " Fearn & Putnam,	-	-	-	6 56
" " W. Eubank,	-	-	-	20 00
" " J. Sweet,	-	-	-	24 87
" " Sundries,	-	-	-	22 38
" " A. Verden & Co.,	-	-	-	63 97
" " W. J. Brown,	-	-	-	19 45
" " W. J. Brown, May 16,	-	-	-	91 25
Cash in hand,	-	-	-	11 00
Cash in Bank.	-	-	-	18 80
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				\$644 72

## Schedule C.

EXPENSES OF INSTITUTION, FROM JAN'Y 1, '55, TO MAY 15, '55—

Table expenses, &c.,	-	-	-	\$ 684 12
Servants' hire,	-	-	-	353 25
Salaries,	-	-	-	1815 00
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				\$2352 37
From this should be deducted certain expenses, not				
strictly belonging to the College,	-	-	-	398 90
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Leaving the amount at	-	-	-	\$1953 47

## Schedule D.

1854.

## DR.

Nov. 24. Due by Bynum Ames,	-	-	-	\$208 00
28. " R. Boothe,	-	-	-	180 00

Oct.	2.	"	Hon. W. Yerger,	-	-	-	110 00
	2.	"	James Stuart,	-	-	-	60 00
	4.	"	Mrs. Julia Price,	-	-	-	60 00
	4.	"	Hon. James Rucks,	-	-	-	50 00
	4.	"	W. L. Horn,	-	-	-	50 00
Nov.	4.	"	Mrs. M. Dickson,	-	-	-	45 00
	4.	"	Hon. Charles Scott,	-	-	-	90 00
	15.	"	Col. Battley,	-	-	-	218 95
	15.	"	Col. Eubank,	-	-	-	217 00
	15.	"	W. H. Hunter,	-	-	-	42 25
	25.	"	Col. McRaven,	-	-	-	40 00
Dec.	11.	"	Mrs. Lewis,	-	-	-	30 00

1854.

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Dec.	1.	B. Ames, to May 1st, 1855,	-	-	-	\$130 00
	11.	James Stuart, to March 1st,	-	-	-	30 00
Oct.	15.	Mrs. Julia Price, to January 10th,	-	-	-	15 00
	4.	W. L. Horn, to July 1st,	-	-	-	5 00
Dec.	11.	Mrs. M. Dickson, to April 1st,	-	-	-	25 00
	20.	Col. McRaven, to May 1st,	-	-	-	25 00
	11.	Mrs. Lewis, to April 1st,	-	-	-	11 00

1855.

Jan.	1.	W. Yerger, to August 1st,	-	-	-	35 00
	1.	Hon. James Rucks, to March 1st,	-	-	-	25 00
	1.	Hon. Charles Scott, to April 15th,	-	-	-	55 00
	1.	Col. Battley, to April 15th,	-	-	-	183 95
	1.	Col. Eubank, to April 15th,	-	-	-	130 00
	30.	W. H. Hunter, to March 15th,	-	-	-	20 00

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\$639 95

AMOUNT OF INDEBTEDNESS TO THE COLLEGE OF ST ANDREW, on which anything has been received since Jan. 1st, 1855, and the sum received, with the date of receipt—

1854.

*DR.*

Oct.	2.	Due by Bishop Green,	-	-	-	\$ 70 00
Nov.	4.	" Rev. R. H. Weller,	-	-	-	234 15
	15.	" W. L. Sharkey,	-	-	-	47 25

1855.

*CR.*

Jan.	3.	Cash by Bishop Green,	-	-	-	\$70 00
Feb.	26.	" Rev. R. H. Weller,	-	-	-	50 00
April	7.	" " " "	-	-	-	50 00
	7.	" W. L. Sharkey,	-	-	-	47 25

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\$217 25

**Schedule E.****ESTIMATED PROFITS OF COLLEGE.—**

Expenses of table for ten months, for fifty boarders,	\$3040 54	
Expenses of the table for sixteen persons more,	972 96	
Wages eight servants, ten months,	1216 00	
Salaries of Rector and three teachers, ten months,	2500 00	
		\$ 7729 50
Income from 50 students, boarders, at \$250 each,	12500 00	
Income from 30 students, day-pupils, at \$50 each,	1500 00	
		\$14000 00
From which deduct		7729 50
		\$ 6270 50
Estimated profit,		
To this add what would be saved by garden in favorable year,	300 00	
Also, what would be saved in a year when prices are at ordinary rates,	500 00	
		800 00
		\$ 7070 50

Suggestions in reference to changes for the future, made in compliance with the request of several of the Trustees:

1st. To procure the services of competent and proper instructors. Few, as yet, needed, but they should be men—men of good character and able to teach.

2d. To enact a body of Statutes: they need not, at present, be very extensive, but should be practical, and framed to meet present necessities.

3d. Brief rules, founded on these; but in reference to some matters they should be more specific, especially in what relates to domestic regulations, and matters pertaining to school internally. These to be printed and furnished to every student, and placed permanently in his room.

4th. Matriculation.

5th. To adopt a system of religious instruction, to constitute a part of the every day work of each student in school.

6th. To make it the duty of every teacher to take a portion of the students, under his special charge, out of school hours and at night.

7th. To define the Rector's powers and duties; the mode, the kind, and limits of punishment.

8th. To take immediate measures to procure an endowment to the amount of twenty thousand dollars, at least.

I have not entered into details here, because I supposed there would not be time, at this meeting of the Board of Trustees, to give

the matter sufficient consideration. I thought it best, therefore, merely to indicate the changes which I consider important, and bearing on the immediate prosperity of the College. I am now ready to explain my views verbally, and if the Trustees should think it advisable to make these changes, I shall be ready to present my views in writing, at some future meeting, should they be required.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee, as Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, presented the following report, and accompanying account, in relation to the Bishop's salary, which was received, and read, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

## REPORT

### IN RELATION TO THE BISHOP'S SALARY.

The undersigned, Secretary of the Standing Committee, reports that he has received, since the last Convention, in the aggregate, from all sources, and paid over to the Bishop's account, of his salary, the sum of \$2,564 00.

It will be remembered that there was a balance of \$78 52, due the Bishop on last year's salary, and this sum added to the salary and traveling expenses, for the year ending July 1, 1855, viz.: \$2800, makes the sum of \$2,878 52, due the Bishop, up to July 1, prox., so that the Bishop has been over paid the sum of \$185 48.

It will be observed, however, that of this sum, three Parishes have paid the sum of \$145, on the next year's salary to the Bishop, viz.:

Trinity Church, Natchez, has paid to Oct. 1, next,	\$110 00
St. Andrew's, Marshall Co., has paid to Oct. 1, next,	25 00
St. John's, Aberdeen, has paid to Oct. 1, next,	10 00

\$145 00

So that, on this year's salary, he has been over paid but \$40 48.

The undersigned files with his report, a statement marked (A.,) showing what he has received from each Parish, and what is yet due by those who are in arrears: a statement marked (B.,) exhibiting the sums received from the Bishop's Fund, and from individual annual contributors: a statement marked (C.,) showing the Parishes that have paid in advance, on the ensuing Church year: also, a recapitulation of the various sums collected, showing the entire sum received. He also annexes the vouchers of his payments to the Bishop.

W. C. SMEDES,

May 19, 1855.

Secretary of Standing Committee.

P. S. Since the preparation of the foregoing report, St. Mathew's, Clinton, has paid in full, up to July 1, and is not, therefore, in any respect, behind the other Parishes.

## Appendix to Report in relation to Bishop's Salary.

## STATEMENT A.

NAME OF PARISH.	SUM ASSESSED.	SUM PAID.	SUM YET DUE.
Trinity Church, Natchez,	\$440	\$440	
Christ Church, Vicksburg,	320	320	
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson,	220	220	
Christ Church, Church Hill,	200	200	
Christ Church, Holly Springs,	100	100	
Trinity Church, Pas Christian,	100	100	
Trinity Church, Yazoo City,	80	80	
St. Paul's Church, Woodville,	75	75	
St. Paul's Church, Columbus,	60	60	
St. John's Church, Lake Washington,	60	60	
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall co'y,	50	50	
St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood,	40	40	
Grace Church, Canton,	40	40	
Epiphany Church, Claiborne co'y,	20	10	\$10
St. John's Church, Aberdeen,	20	20	
St. John's Church, Pontotoc,	20		20
Chapel of the Cross, Madison co'y,	20	20	
Advent Church, Adams co'y,	20	20	
St. Peter's Church, Oxford,	20	20	
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton.	20	10	10
St. Mark's Church, Raymond,	20	20	
St. Luke's Church, Brandon,	10		10
Messiah Church, Noxubee co'y,	10		10
Ascension Church, Hernando,	10		10
Grace Church, Okalona,	10	10	
Calvary Church, Holmes co'y,	10	10	
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf,	10	10	
St. James' Church, Port Gibson,	10		10
St. John's Church, Early Grove,	10		10
St. John's Church, DeSoto,	10		10
	<hr/> \$2035	<hr/> \$1985	<hr/> \$100

## STATEMENT B.

*Sums Received from Bishop's Fund and Individuals.*

1854.

August 21, from Jas. S. Johnston, interest on his note,	\$80
October 12, from Geo. S. Yerger, interest on his note,	60
December 12, from W. C. Smedes, interest on his note,	60

1855.

January 2, from M. W. Ewing, interest on his note,	12
March 24, from Jos. D. Shields, interest on his note,	12

April 9, from J. T. McMurran, interest on his note,	60
April 9, from A. K. Farrar, interest on his note,	30
April 9, from W. Yerger, interest on his note,	30
April 9, from F. Davis, annual contribution,	20
April 9, from J. D. Stuart, interest on his note,	12
April 9, from W. D. Bibb, interest on his note,	12
April 9, from G. Colhoun, annual contribution,	50
April 9, from Eugene J. Hinton, interest on his note,	15
April 9, from B. Blake, interest on his note,	15
April 9, from O. O. Woodman, interest on his note,	12
May 19, from Mrs. Chloe Hinton, interest on her note,	80
May 19, from Wm. B. Shields, interest on his note for two years,	24

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Whole sum received from Bishop's Fund and individuals, \$484

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#### STATEMENT C.

##### *Sums Received on next Year's Salary.*

Trinity Church, Natchez, paid up to October 1, next,	\$110
St. Andrew's, Marshall county, paid up to October 1, next,	25
St. John's, Aberdeen, paid up to October 1, next,	10
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	\$145

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#### RECAPITULATION.

Sums received, by the Bishop, from the Parishes,	1935
Sums received, by the Bishop, from the Bishop's Fund,	484
Sums received on next year's salary, from Parishes,	145
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	\$2564

The Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following Report, in relation to the Bishop's Address, which was received :

### R E P O R T

#### OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church, to whom was referred the Bishop's Address, would respectfully report to the Convention, for its action, the subject of the Diocesan School, with especial reference to the College of St. Andrew, the Church Herald, the inadequacy of the salaries of the Clergy, and the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.

R. H. WELLER, Chairman.

The various subjects spoken of in said Report, were then, on motion, severally referred as follows :

That of the *Diocesan Schools*, to the Committee on Diocesan Schools.

*That of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, to the Committee on Finance.*

*That of the Church Herald, to a Special Committee, consisting of the Rev. Joshua Sweet, and Messrs. Smedes and McMurran.*

*That of the Inadequacy of the salaries of Clergymen, to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. McWillie, Shackelford, Moore, Johnson, and Fourniquet.*

The Committee on unfinished Business presented the following Report :

## R E P O R T

### OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, that they find, on page forty, of the Journal of the last Convention, several proposed amendments to the Constitution, which were laid over for the action of the present Convention.

The Committee, therefore, propose the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to the consideration of these proposed amendments.*

F. W. DAMUS, Chairman.

Which report was read, and its further consideration postponed till 5 o'clock this evening, to which hour, the Convention then, on motion, adjourned.

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### SATURDAY EVENING, May 19, 5 o'clock.

The recess having expired, the Convention was again called to order at 5 o'clock, P. M., by the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese.

Present on roll call, of the Clergy, as before, with the addition of the

Rev. G. W. Sill,

Rev. F. A. P. Barnard.

Also, of the Lay Delegates, as before.

The Committee on Credentials reported an additional list of Lay Delegates as correct, which report having been received, and the said list being called over, the following Lay Delegate appeared and took his seat:

*St. Paul's Church, Woodville,—Hon. Francis Gildart.*

The Journal of the Convention, up to the period of its adjournment this evening, was read by the Secretary and approved.



The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was then taken up, and its recommendations and accompanying resolution were concurred in.

The Convention accordingly proceeded to the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Church, in the Diocese of Mississippi, laid over for final action from the last Convention.

The proposed amendments were read.

On motion, the first amendment, being to strike out from Article III of the Constitution, the words occurring in the third line, "*a settled or regularly officiating minister in,*" and to insert in lieu thereof, the words, "*canonically resident, and in charge of,*" was non-concurred in.

The second amendment, being to strike out from Article III of the Constitution, the whole of the first paragraph, and to insert in lieu thereof, the following :

"The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, canonically resident in the Diocese for three months prior to the session of the Convention, shall be entitled to a seat in the same; and it is hereby made his duty to attend its deliberations."—

Was, on motion, adopted.

So it was ordered by the Convention, that the said amendment be made to the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese.

The select Committee, upon the subject of the Church Herald, presented the following report :

## R E P O R T

### OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE UPON THE CHURCH HERALD.

The undersigned, the Committee to whom that portion of the Bishop's Address, in relation to the Church Herald, was submitted, respectfully report that they have had the subject under examination, and from all the information they have been enabled to obtain on the subject, they are decidedly of opinion that the future publications of the paper should be discontinued, until the Diocese is more able to give it that support, which such an enterprise requires for its successful prosecution. It appears that the paper has never paid expenses; but, on the contrary, has been published at an annual loss of about seven hundred dollars; a loss not likely, from present prospects, to be in any degree relieved, should the paper be continued for the future. The last Convention, and the Bishop in his Address, strongly commended the Herald to the support and patronage of the

Diocese; but we are advised that no adequate results have been the consequence.

In this state of things, the question presented is simply this: Shall the Convention impose upon the *liberality of one of the Editors*? for we are told that the whole loss, by an understanding among the Editors, has hitherto fallen, and, in future, will continue, if the paper continues, to fall upon one of them; or shall it, by its action, relieve him and the other Editors of a burthen which it imposed on them?

Your Committee, as the organ of the Convention, can not hesitate about their answer; and they accordingly suggest the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That while the Convention tender to the Editors of the Herald, it thanks for their past labors and services, in the discharge of the onerous duties which they have hitherto so satisfactorily fulfilled; yet, as an act of justice to them, it is the deliberate opinion of this Convention, that the further publication of the Herald be discontinued.

JOSHUA SWEET,

Chairman of the Committee.

The Report was received, and its recommendations and accompanying resolution being taken up for consideration, a motion was made to amend the said resolution, by striking out the word "*discontinued*," and substituting the word "*suspended*."

Pending the consideration of which amendment, the Convention, on motion, adjourned to meet on Monday morning, May 21, at 8 o'clock.

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Divine Service was celebrated in the evening, at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. James Philson read prayers, assisted by the Rev. Isaac Pardee, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodville, and the Rev. F. W. Damus preached from the Gospel according to St. Luke, ix. chapter, 23d verse: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me."

After Divine Service, the Annual Meeting of the Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi, was held. For its proceedings, &c., see Appendix C.

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Divine Service was celebrated on May 20th, being Sunday after Ascension at 10½ o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. James A. Fox read the Morning Prayers, assisted by the Rev. W. R. Babcock; the Rev. G. W. Sill read the Lessons; the Rt. Rev., the Bishop, read the ante-Communion Service, and the Rev. Charles Reighley preached from the Book of Revelations, xxii. chapter, 17th verse: "And

the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that hear-eth say, Come. And let him that is athirst, come: and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

After which, the Sacrament of the Holy Communion was administered by the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. James A. Fox, Rev. W. R. Babcock, Rev. G. W. Sill, and the Rev. W. W. Lord.

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Divine Service was again celebrated in the evening, at half past four o'clock.

The Rev. W. Presbury read the Evening Service, assisted by the Rev. Chas. Reighley, and the Rev. F. A. B. Barnard preached from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, xvii. chapter, 20th verse: "Verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard-seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

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Divine Service was again held at 8 o'clock, P. M.,

When the Rev. W. Parker Scott read prayers, assisted by the Rev. F. A. P. Barnard, and the Rev. Isaac Pardee, of St. Paul's Church, Woodville, preached from the Book of Exodus, viii. chapter, part of 32d verse: "And Pharaoh hardened his heart."

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CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG, }  
MONDAY, May 21, 1855. }

The Convention was called to order, at 8 o'clock, A. M., and opened with prayer, by the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The roll of Clergy and Lay Delegates was called, and there were found present as before.

The minutes of the session of Saturday evening, were read and approved.

Parochial reports from St. Peter's Church, Oxford, and Christ Church, Holly Springs, were presented, read, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The consideration of the subject, pending at the time of the adjournment of the Convention on Saturday evening, was, on

motion, postponed to admit of the presentation of reports and resolutions.

The following resolutions were presented, and, on motion, unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Convention, the interests of the Church would be materially promoted by the erection of a Church edifice, with all convenient expedition, in the town of Oxford.

*Resolved*, That the building to be erected, ought to be of dimensions considerably larger than the ordinary necessities of the congregation, at present worshipping there, may require.

*Resolved*, That the benefits which may reasonably be anticipated, from securing the uninterrupted ministrations of the Church, at this point, are likely to be felt extensively throughout the State of Mississippi, and the South-west generally; and, therefore, that the object is one which commends itself to the liberality of all persons, every where, who love the Church, and who desire to aid in the spread of her principles, and the extension of her boundaries.

Mr. Geo. S. Yerger, appointed by the last Diocesan Convention, a special Committee in relation to certain subscriptions to the Bishop's Fund, presented the following Report:

## R E P O R T

### OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, IN RELATION TO CERTAIN SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE BISHOP'S FUND.

The undersigned was appointed a Committee, by the last Convention, to adjust the subscription to the Bishop's Fund, from St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, and St. Philip's Church, Madison. He respectfully reports, that he addressed a communication, upon the subject, to Mr. Minor of St. Andrew's, and, to Col. McWillie, of the latter Parish. He has received no reply from the former. He received a letter from Mr. Anderson, acting in behalf of the Vestry of St. Philip's, stating that the subscription to the Bishop's Fund, from that Parish, of \$1000, was intended and understood to be in lieu of any assessment upon that Parish, for the support of the Bishop; that the subject was brought before the Convention at its last or previous session, in which the donors requested said Parish to be released from its assessment; but the Convention refused to exempt said Parish from said assessment, but assessed the same—from which action of the Convention, they considered themselves released from said subscription.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the subscription of \$1000, made by Col. Wm. McWillie and others, to the Bishop's Fund, be released.

GEO. S. YERGER, Committee.

Which report was read and received, and, on motion, the resolution accompanying the same, was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report,

with accompanying resolutions and abstracts of assessments on the several Parishes, which report was received, and the resolution was, on motion, agreed to.

## GENERAL REPORT

### OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the account of the Secretary of the Standing Committee, report that they have examined his account and vouchers, and find the same correct.

It appears, from the report, that the Bishop has received, on account of his salary, from all sources, the sum of \$2,564; of this sum there was due him, on account of last year's salary, \$78 52, which, with amount of his salary and traveling expenses, to July 1, 1855, say \$2,300, makes the sum of \$2,378 52, so that the Bishop has been over-paid the sum of \$185 48. But of this sum, \$145 was paid by three Parishes on account of his salary for next year, leaving the actual amount over-paid on his salary this year \$40 48.

They further report, that they have taken into consideration the subject of the assessment of the Parishes, for the Bishop's salary and contingent expenses, and they believe that the assessment of last year, is about as equal a one as could, under all the circumstances, be made.

\*The following is a list of the assessments for both purposes, viz :

Parishes.	Bishop's Fund.	Contingent Expenses.
Trinity Church, Natchez, - -	\$440	\$40
Christ Church, Vicksburg, - -	320	30
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, - -	240	30
Christ Church, Church Hill, - -	200	30
Christ Church, Holly Springs, - -	100	20
Trinity Church, Pas Christian, - -	100	15
Trinity Church, Yazoo City, - -	80	20
St. Paul's Church, Woodville, - -	75	15
St. Paul's Church, Columbus, - -	60	15
St. John's Church, Lake Washington, -	60	10
St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood, -	60	10
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, -	50	10
Grace Church, Canton, - -	40	10
St. Peter's Church, Oxford, - -	30	5
Epiphany Church, Claiborne county, -	20	5
St. John's Church, Aberdeen, - -	20	5
St. John's Church, Pontotoc, - -	20	5
Amount carried forward, - -		1915
		275

\*The Delegates from several of the Parishes, as the foregoing list was being read in the Convention, voluntarily proposed an increase of the assessment upon their Parishes, for the support of the Episcopate. The above list is printed, as it was finally settled upon.—SECRETARY.

Parishes.	Bishop's Fund.	Contingent Expenses.
Amount brought forward,	1915	275
Chapel of the Cross, Madison county, -	20	5
Advent Church, Washington, - -	20	5
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton, - -	20	5
St. Mark's Church, Raymond, - -	20	5
Calvary Church, Holmes county, - -	20	5
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf, - -	20	5
St. John's Chapel, Annadale, - -	20	5
St. Luke's Church, Brandon, - -	10	10
Messiah Church, Noxubee county, -	10	5
Ascension Church, Hernando, - -	10	5
Grace Church, Okolona, - - -	10	5
St. James' Church, Port Gibson, -	10	5
St. John's Church, Early Grove, - -	10	5
St. John's Church, DeSoto, - - -	10	5
Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo Co., -	10	2 50
	<hr/> \$2,145	<hr/> \$352,50

They further recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

*Resolved*, That the account of the Secretary of the Standing Committee be filed with the Secretary of the Convention, and be spread upon the minutes.

*Resolved*, That there be elected at each annual Convention, an officer, to be entitled the Treasurer of the Diocese, whose duty it shall be to receive the Bishop's salary, and also all money collected for the Diocese, and disburse the same according to the Canons, and order of the Convention.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing assessments be made upon the Parishes named, for the Bishop's salary and contingent expenses of the Convention; and that each Parish be requested to remit to the Treasurer of the Diocese, one-fourth of said assessment, for the support of the Episcopate, on the 1st of July, of October, of January, and April next; and be further requested to pay the assessment for contingent expenses, to the Secretary of the Convention, at least one month before the day fixed for the meeting of the next Diocesan Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. S. YERGER, Chairman.

A motion was thereupon made and adopted, to proceed to the election of "Treasurer of the Diocese," as provided for in the resolution just adopted,

And the ballot being, by a unanimous vote, dispensed with, Mr. James Roach, of the city of Vicksburg, was nominated for that office, and unanimously elected.

A motion was then made and unanimously adopted, that an addition of two hundred dollars *per annum*, be made to the salary of the Bishop of the Diocese.

The following Communication from the President of the Nashotah Mission, at Delafield, Wisconsin, was presented and read to the Convention:

## NASHOTAH MISSION.

Nashotah Mission is the Theological Seminary in the Northwest. The great work which it has in hand, is worthy the prayerful consideration and hearty co-operation of the Church. The object is to supply the Western Missionary Field with Missionaries, prepared here in the West, amid its peculiar trials and hardships. It is scarcely necessary to dwell, here, upon the greatness of the field, or the limited supply of its pressing wants. From every quarter, the call for Clergy is constantly increasing. They are wanted in numerous towns and villages, and wanted *now*, to lay the foundation—to begin the work. Every year witnesses the loss of most favorable opportunities; the closing up of most auspicious openings. As the field widens daily—almost hourly—the question arises, how can the West be supplied with Clergy? from what source can they go forth to meet these pressing wants?

They cannot come from the East; for the wants are many and great there, and the candidates for holy orders appallingly few—not at all equal to the demand. The Church in the West must look to itself for the men, and appeal to the Church in the East for means to prepare the men for their great and holy work.

Upon this basis, Nashotah Mission has struggled on, year after year, supplying to some extent the great want. Young men, led by the Spirit of God, resort to her humble roofs, and crowd her lowly structures. To sustain them, to teach them, to feed them, to clothe them, Nashotah appeals to the Churches in the East; to all, everywhere, who may be blessed with the heart and the means to aid. Nashotah has no permanent resources, no sure fixed income. Her sole, only dependence are the alms and offerings of the Church. Individuals, Sunday Schools, Congregations, give as they are disposed by the Lord's blessing. Thus Nashotah continues from week to week, and from month to month; beginning no week with means to exist to the end thereof; upheld by the Lord alone, who opens the hearts and hands of His people with supplies for our need.

The Annual Term for '50-'51 opened in September, 1850, with ten candidates for Holy Orders, and four young men preparing to become candidates. On Trinity Sunday, 1851, four were ordained.

The Annual Term for '51-'52 opened in September, 1851, with twelve candidates and seven preparatory students. On Trinity Sunday, 1852, two were ordained.

The Annual Term for '52-'53 opened in September, 1852, with fifteen candidates, and thirteen young men preparing to become candidates. On Trinity Sunday, 1853, three were ordained.

The Annual Term for '53-'54 opened in September, 1853, with fifteen candidates, and thirteen young men preparing for candidature. On Trinity Sunday, 1854, four were ordained.

The Annual Term for '54-'55 opened in October, 1854, with twelve candidates for Holy Orders, and seventeen preparatory stu-

dents. One has already been ordained, and on Trinity Sunday, 1855, two more are expecting to be ordained.

The Alumni of Nashotah Mission now number twenty-seven. They are doing missionary work in nearly every Diocese in the Valley of the Mississippi; in Mississippi, in Tennessee, in Kentucky, in Ohio, in Indiana, in Illinois, in Iowa, and in Wisconsin.

Five Clergymen are now associated together in the Mission; who, by the assistance of three candidates, give every student two recitations daily, and the larger number three.

The daily, regular, systematic teaching of young men preparing for the Holy Ministry, is the great work in hand. While this is fully and faithfully attended to, the Mission is exerting great and growing influence upon the population of the surrounding region. Beside the congregation of St. Sylvanus Parish, which occupies the Mission Chapel, three other Parishes are supplied with regular services by the Mission Clergy. In one of these Parishes, (Zion Church, Oconomowoc,) a substantial brick church has been erected by a gentleman who is not a communicant, which, with the land adjacent, valued at more than \$2200, is offered to the Parish for \$1100. Of this sum, nearly \$650 has been contributed from abroad. When there mainder is received, it will be devoted, by the same generous and liberal-minded gentleman, to the purchase of a most eligible site for a Diocesan Female Seminary, near to the Church. May such interest in the welfare of the Church, by one not yet a communicant, provoke to increased zeal those who are members of Christ.

We might mention many other interesting circumstances, showing the prosperity of the Church in the vicinity of the Mission.

We pass on to the labors of the Alumni of Nashotah. Omitting many items of interest, connected with the building of eight Churches in various parts of the West, we would mention the very interesting fact, that the present Missionary to the Oneida Indians is a graduate of Nashotah. He entered upon his duties in October, 1853, since which time twenty Indians have been confirmed. He attended the last Convention of the Diocese, with delegates from the Parish organized among the red men—the only Parish of the kind in our country, and most appropriately named Hobart Church.

From Nashotah Mission, as from a fountain, have gone forth many streams to make glad the City of our God. The Mission is such an institution of piety and learning, that if upon any place the spirits of White, Seabury, Griswold, Moore, Hobart, look with delight, it is surely upon Nashotah. Young men prepare for the Holy Ministry by prayer and study. For more than eleven years have the morning and evening sacrifice of prayer and praise, ascended without intermission from this hallowed spot. Shall not the good work go on? Will not every one aid in this great enterprise of faith? It is no experiment, but a living reality—a long-tested work. The Church



needs a constantly increasing ministry. Young men are here preparing for the great work—they are already found. Their teachers are already gathered. A valuable Library and all facilities for teaching are here. The work is begun—is in successful operation. The means to carry on a work of love, owned and blessed of heaven, are prayed for and expected in the alms and offerings of the Church. These alms and offerings are applied directly to the one purpose of preparing young men for the ministry. They mingle with no other resources. They are turned aside to no other purpose. With this one resource, Nashotah has accomplished a great work for the Church, having sent forth twenty-seven Missionaries. Nashotah depends upon the same means for continuing to send forth laborers into the Lord's vineyard.

This communication will be sent to many of the Clergy who aid Nashotah, to give them information—to many, in the prayerful hope that they will be interested in Nashotah and read it to their congregations—to not a few Laity, in the earnest prayer that the Lord will bless it to their, and Nashotah's, good. May we not hope that during the Easter and Whitsun-season, Nashotah will be remembered. Any aid, from a postage stamp to thousands of dollars, will be most gratefully received. No gift can be too small—no donation too large, for Nashotah's great work.

AZEL D. COLE,

President of Nashotah Mission.

DELAFIELD, Wisconsin, March, 1855.

Whereupon the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the communication from Nashotah be spread upon the minutes of this Convention; and in view of the great object of Nashotah, and of the good it has already done for the Church at large, this Convention, hereby, most earnestly commends its claims to the consideration of all who love the Church of God.

The Treasurer of the Convention presented his report of the state of the Fund for Contingent Expenses of the Convention, with its accompanying account, vouchers, etc., which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

## REPORT

### OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

*To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Mississippi:*

The Treasurer of the Convention presents his account of the Contingent Expense Fund. At the date of his last report to the Convention of 1854, there was on hand, applicable to the expenses of that Convention, the sum of \$195, to which has been added, from arrearages, the sum of \$25, in all \$220; leaving \$25 yet to be collected from the assessments of 1853 and previous years.

The assessments made in 1854, for the Contingent Expense Fund, amounted to \$345. Of these \$5 were paid in advance to the predecessor of the undersigned; \$282 have been paid to the latter; leaving still due to this fund, the sum of \$58, from the assessment of 1854.

It affords the Treasurer great pleasure to state that this Fund is entirely free from debt.

The amount, at present, on hand, applicable to the expenses of the Convention of 1855, is \$240 68, with \$83 yet due to the fund from the Parishes, from which enough, probably, will be collected, to meet the small deficiency between the amount on hand and the amount necessary to defray the contingent expenses of the present Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GILES M. HILLYER,  
Treasurer of Convention.

*GILES M. HILLYER, Treasurer, in acc't with the Convention  
of the Prot. Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi.*

1854.

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June 2.	To balance in hand this day,	-	-	\$195 00
	To cash received from the following Parishes—			
2.	St. Paul's, Grand Gulf, being assessment 1854,			5 00
2.	Calvary, Holmes co'y, being arrearages,			10 00
July 1.	Trinity, Natchez, - (assessment 1854,)			40 00
1855.				
May 12.	Trinity, Pas Christian,	"	"	15 00
18.	Advent, Washington,	"	"	5 00
18.	St. Paul's, Columbus,	"	"	15 00
18.	St. Paul's, Woodville,	"	"	15 00
18.	St. Mark's, Raymond,	"	"	5 00
18.	Christ Church, Church Hill,	"	"	30 00
18.	St. Phillip's, Kirkwood,	"	"	10 00
19.	Trinity, Yazoo City,	"	"	20 00
19.	Grace, Canton,	"	"	10 00
19.	Chapel of Cross, Madison co'y,	"	"	5 00
19.	Ascension, Hernando,	"	"	5 00
19.	Calvary, Holmes co'y,	"	"	5 00
19.	Christ Church, Vicksburg,	"	"	30 00
19.	St. Andrew's, Jackson,	"	"	30 00
19.	Epiphany, Claiborne co'y, on acc't of do.,			2 00
19.	Christ Church, Holly Springs, (assessment 1854,)			20 00
19.	St. John's, Early Grove, (arrearages,)			10 00
19.	" " (assessment 1854,)			5 00
19.	" " " 1855,			5 00
19.	St. Matthew's, Clinton,	"	1854,	5 00
19.	St. John's, Aberdeen,	"	1854,	5 00

**\$502 00**

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1854. By the following amounts expended—

June 2.	Cash for stationery,	-	-	\$ 00 65
July.	Telegraphic expenses to Bishop Green,	-	-	3 00
	Discount on uncurrent money,	-	-	1 00
	Printing Journals 1854,	-	-	233 20
	Postages paid thereon, and drayage on box,	-	-	10 87

1855.

January.	Binding 3 volumes Journals Convention,	-	-	2 75
April.	Printing Circular extracts from Canon, and 200 receipts for assessments, and binding, &c.,	-	-	6 50
	Postages on letters, Journals from other Dioceses, and circulars, &c., &c.,	-	-	2 00
	Discount on uncurrent money,	-	-	1 35
May 21.	By this amount on hand,	-	-	240 68

\$ 502 00

1855.

May 19.	To am't on hand, applicable for expenses of Con- vention of 1855,	-	-	\$240 68
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GILES M. HILLYER,  
Treasurer of the Convention.

VICKSBURG, May 21, 1855.

### Arrearages to Contingent Expense Fund.

	Assessment 1854.	Arrearages.
St. John's Church, Lake Washington,	\$10 00	\$10 00
St. John's Church, Aberdeen,	-	5 00
Church of the Messiah, Noxubee co'y,	5 00	10 00
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall co'y,	*10 00	
Epiphany Church, Claiborne co'y,	3 00	
St. John's Church, Pontotoc,	5 00	
St. Luke's Church, Brandon,	10 00	
Grace Church, Okolona,	5 00	
St. James' Church, Port Gibson,	5 00	
St. John's Church, DeSoto,	5 00	

\$58 00

\$25 00

G. M. HILLYER, Treasurer.

VICKSBURG, May 21, 1855.

The Rev. Mr. Edw'd Denniston appeared and took his seat.

Leave of absence from the further sittings of the Convention, was, on motion, granted, for satisfactory cause, to the Rev. G. W. Sill, Col. H. M. Coffey, and Jas. S. Johnston, Esq.

\* This amount has, since the adjournment of the Convention, been paid to the Treasurer.—Sno'y.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following Report, which was received, read, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

## R E P O R T

### OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church begs leave to report, that on a careful examination of the Bishop's Journal and the Parochial Reports, it finds that, notwithstanding the unprecedented difficulties which have embarrassed the onward course of the Church during the past conventional year, it has advanced more rapidly, all things considered, than during any previous year since the organization of the Diocese. The number of Clergy has increased to thirty-two, all of whom, excepting two, are actively engaged, either in parochial work, or in the management of Church institutions. A larger number of the Parishes than usual have reported to the present Convention, and our zealous and untiring Diocesan reports from all parts of his jurisdiction, an awakening interest to the claims of the Church, and an earnest desire from many communities which have hitherto been in almost utter ignorance of our Apostolic Church, to have her sublime and heart-stirring devotions ascend from their midst, and that their children may be trained up in her holy ways. The fiercer the fires of fanaticism burn among them, the more deeply and earnestly do even men of the world desire, that the staunch conservative principles of the Church should be established in their homes.

It is not among her children alone, that the Church is looked upon as the great bulwark of Christianity.

It is with great gratification that the Committee observes from the parochial reports, that the Clergy have given increased attention to the religious improvement of the slaves, and that the number admitted to the Communion of the Church, far exceeds that of any previous year. That the Church has an important mission to perform to this unfortunate race in our midst, is a truth which few will be disposed to deny; but too long—we acknowledge it with shame—has this portion of her work been forgotten or neglected; too long, while endeavoring to provide for the spiritual wants of the master, have we been unmindful of those of the slave, or have left him to wander in new and strange paths, and to feed on the ashes of fanaticism. It is a matter of congratulation, however, to see that both the Clergy and the masters, are waking up to their responsibilities on this subject, and that it is becoming so generally believed, that the services of the Church are so admirably capable of being adapted to their spiritual wants, as to be all that is necessary to guide their feet in the way of peace.

Deeply impressed with these views, the Committee cannot but express the hope, while at the same time they would earnestly re-

commend, that the Clergy throughout the Diocese will more generally turn their attention to this important subject, and, when it is practicable, devote a portion of their services especially to the religious training of the slaves.

But whilst there are so many tokens of the awakening of the members of the Church to *their* duty and *her* welfare, your Committee are compelled to notice the great want of energetic action throughout the Diocese, with regard to what they conscientiously consider some of her most important and necessary enterprises, the sustaining of the Diocesan Institutions, both male and female, and the Church Herald, the only Church periodical in the Southwest. With regard to the first mentioned, the wants of the Church render them indispensable, if we would train up our children in the way which we believe to be the way of truth—if we would guard them from evil and antagonistical influences during the tender years of youth, while open to impressions of lasting good or evil. Yet there is no subject connected with the Church, in the knowledge of your Committee, with regard to which her members have been so apathetic. It is not money that is so much necessary for putting the institutions of the Church upon a firm basis, as the patronage of Church families. We cannot expect that denominations opposed to the Church, will support her Institutions.

The Church Herald, too, though firm and unwavering in its duty to the Diocese, and edited without any cost, has fallen about 200 subscribers short of paying expenses. This deficit has heretofore been made up by a gentleman, whose generosity has been more than sufficiently taxed for other Church purposes.

Let churchmen throughout the Diocese, but look upon these matters in their proper light, as bearing heavily upon the extension and strengthening of the Church, and there will be no necessity for lamentation.

Your Committee would respectfully submit to the Convention, as to whether a system of itinerancy, throughout the Diocese, of one or more Missionaries, freed from local charges, and supported by the "Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge," or by the alms of the Church, would not be the best and most successful means of carrying a knowledge of the Gospel to the numerous places throughout the Diocese, and establishing the Church at points beyond the reach of the parochial Clergy, and which it is impossible that the Bishop, owing to the multiplicity of his duties, can visit, except at long intervals.

In presenting this Report; the Committee feels that devout gratitude is due to the great Head of the Church, who, though in His wisdom, He has visited some parts of the Diocese with affliction and pestilence, has thus far blessed us with increase in our humble efforts for the enlargement of His Kingdom.

The following is the summary of the Parochial Reports :

Whole number of families reported,	-	-	-	678
Baptisms—Infants,	-	-	-	411
Adults,	-	-	-	183—594
Confirmations, as reported by the Bishop,	-	-	-	153
Communicants reported,	-	-	-	941
Marriages,	-	-	-	62
Funerals,	-	-	-	71
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	93
Sunday School Scholars,	-	-	-	671
Deacons ordained,	-	-	-	2
Priests ordained,	-	-	-	2
Candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese,	-	-	-	6
Contributions reported,	-	-	-	\$12,968 68

From several parishes there were no reports.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. WELLER, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, in relation to the Fund for Contingent Expenses, and the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, which was received and agreed to, and the resolutions accompanying the same adopted.

## REPORT

### OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, IN RELATION TO CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

The Committee on Finance, who have had the report of the Treasurer of the Convention under examination, find the same, in all things, correct, and offer the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the report of the Treasurer, showing a balance now in his hands of \$240 68, toward paying the expenses of the Convention now in session, and exhibiting, also, the gratifying fact of the freedom of the Contingent Fund from all debt, be received and allowed.

The Committee on Finance, also, offer the following additional resolution, viz. :

*Resolved*, That in view of the present prosperous condition of the Diocese, those Parishes which are in arrear to the assessments for Bishop's Salary up to the first day of July last, and to the Contingent Fund for assessments made prior to May, 1854, be and the same are hereby released and discharged from said arrearages.

GEO. S. YERGER,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the inadequacy of the salaries of the Clergy, presented the following report, which was received, and, on motion, adopted :

## REPORT

### OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SALARIES OF THE CLERGY

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address, which recommends an increase of compensation to the Rectors of the various Parishes of the State, report that they have had the same under consideration, and though they are fully sensible that this Convention has no power over the question, and that it is a matter peculiarly for the consideration of the Parishes of the Diocese, still, your committee cannot omit to express the hope that the Clergy of the Diocese may participate in the general prosperity of the Church, and that their salaries may receive such increase, as to enable those who preach the Gospel of our blessed Savior, to live by the same, and to provide, thereby, for the education and comfortable maintenance of their respective families. Which is respectfully submitted.

W. McWILLIE, Chairman.

The Committee on Diocesan Schools presented the following report, which was received, and agreed to, and the resolutions therein contained were, on motion, adopted:

## REPORT

### OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Diocesan Schools beg leave to submit the following report:

Deeply impressed with the importance of Diocesan Schools, both as regards the correct education of the children of the Church, and as a most valuable auxiliary for the promotion of her general prosperity, the Committee would direct the attention of this Convention, to the statements contained in the Bishop's Address to the Convention, in relation to St. Thomas Hall and Mount Salus Female Academy, as exhibiting the condition and prospects of these Institutions. Under the direction of accomplished and efficient teachers, the Committee believe that these Institutions are rendering a valuable service to the Church, entitling them to a large and liberal patronage.

The Committee have also learned with pleasure, that several private schools have been, or are about being, established by several of our Diocesan Clergy, under auspices which warrant the belief that they will prove alike beneficial and prosperous. The Committee would respectfully commend each, and all of these enterprises, to the prompt and generous patronage of the Churchmen of this Diocese.

The Committee have had under more special consideration, the condition and prospects of St. Andrew's College, and beg leave to offer the following report.

They believe that an Institution, such as St. Andrew's is intended to be, is of deep and vital importance to the Diocese. It is strictly a Church Institution. It had its origin in the recommen-

dation of the Church through its Convention. It was commenced in faith, and with reasonable prospects of final success. Should it fail of success, or be abandoned, the Committee would regard it as a great calamity. And although they regret to say, it has, as yet, not succeeded to the extent anticipated by its friends, yet its condition is not such as would, in the opinion of this Committee, justify its abandonment. Upon the contrary, they believe it will succeed, if it is fostered and aided, as it ought to be, and as they believe it will be, when a reasonable confidence in its perpetuity is entertained by the community; which confidence they believe it must and will obtain, under the prudent and excellent management of its Rector.

Many of the causes which have heretofore prevented its success, have ceased to exist. Others can, and will be removed.

If, with buildings and furniture capable of accommodating seventy-five to eighty boarding students, it cannot succeed, it is believed that no similar institution ever could. It has, as all Institutions of the kind, ever have had, obstacles to encounter. But if the friends of the Church, and of education, in the Diocese, or even a tithe of them, will persevere and determine it shall succeed, there is no question with the Committee but it will. Institutions of this kind cannot become all that is desired at once. Time is as necessary as money. Eventual and complete success results from their character, and to obtain the necessary character, time is required. If there are obstacles, they can be overcome. These obstacles are adverted to by the Bishop, in his report, and the suggestions made by him in that report, are cordially approved of by the Committee.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention has entire confidence in the ability, prudence, and management of its present Rector, the Rev. J. Sweet.
2. *Resolved*, That the suggestions contained in the report of the Bishop, be recommended to the consideration of the Board of Trustees.
3. *Resolved*, That this Convention recommend this Institution to the support of the friends of sound religious instruction throughout the State.
4. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to endow two or three professorships of \$10,000 each, and that it be recommended to the board of Trustees, to devise a plan to raise the funds necessary for said endowment.

In regard to the last resolution, the Committee have to say, that nothing but a want of confidence in the perpetuity of the Institution will prevent, as they believe, these endowments. Four or five individuals are known to some of the Committee, who would endow a professorship at once, upon certain conditions, if they had any reasonable assurance that the College would not fail. They dislike to advance their money, and then see it rendered useless, by a failure of the object it was intended to promote. To guard against this, and to make all who are disposed to endow, or assist in these endowments, perfectly secure against the ultimate loss of their ad-



vance, in case of failure, the Committee recommend to the Trustees, to obtain these endowments, upon the condition that the money advanced, shall be loaned out at an annual interest; that to secure the principal and interest, a deed of trust, on unencumbered real estate, to treble its value, should secure it, and that the money so obtained for these endowments, shall be held by the Board of Trustees, in trust to pay the annual interest to the College, and to hold the principal in trust for the College, provided that the Institution becomes permanent and succeeds; but if, from any cause, it should fail, to return the principal to the donors, or to be subject to such disposition as they may direct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. R. BABCOCK, Chairman.

The following resolutions, connected with the subject of the foregoing report, were then offered, and, on motion, adopted, as an addition to those therein contained, and agreed to:

\*5. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Convention, it is inexpedient that the College of St. Andrew should be continued any longer as a Diocesan Institution.

6. *Resolved*, That as soon as a permanent endowment of twenty thousand dollars is secured, as provided for in the fourth resolution, the Board of Trustees be requested to re-open the College.

A motion was made to reconsider the vote passed on Saturday, adopting the *fourth Thursday in May*, 1856, as the time for the assembling of the next Annual Diocesan Convention, and the same being carried, and the question reverting upon the passage of the original motion,—

An amendment was offered and adopted, substituting the *fourth Friday in April*, 1856, as the time; and the motion, as thus amended, was adopted.

So it was determined that the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in this Diocese, should be held on the *fourth Friday in April*, 1856, at Christ Church, in the city of Vicksburg.

The report of the Committee on the Church Herald, the consideration of which, and of the resolution accompanying the same, and of the amendment offered thereto, had been postponed from an early period of to-day's session, was then taken up; and the question being taken on the amendment to strike out the word, "*discontinued*," and substitute in lieu thereof, the word, "*suspended*;" the same was declared carried; and the question then reverting to the original resolution as thus amended, the same was adopted.

\*These resolutions were afterwards reconsidered, and a substitute adopted in lieu of them.—SECRETARY.

The following resolutions were offered, and, on motion, adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Convention cause to be printed, the usual number of copies of the proceedings of this Convention, furnish the Bishop with one hundred copies thereof, and distribute the balance in his discretion.

*Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to appoint one or two suitable itinerant Missionaries, to preach the Gospel throughout the State, to be under his direction, and whose salaries shall be paid by collections, to be made by them, and from the funds of the Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Miss.

*Resolved*, That this Convention tender its sincere thanks to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of Christ Church, Vicksburg, and the members of the Church, in that city, and its citizens generally, for the kindness and hospitality, extended to the members of the Convention during its session.

A letter was read from Mr. George Stewart, agent for disseminating Church books throughout this Diocese, resigning the agency which he had held for two and a half years past, with a view of devoting himself exclusively to the studies necessary to his admission to Deacon's Orders;—

Which resignation was, on motion, accepted.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons, reported that they had no business to bring before the Convention, which report was received, and the Committee discharged.

A motion was then made to reconsider the vote adopting resolutions numbers five and six, added to those reported by the Committee on Diocesan Schools, which motion to reconsider, was carried.

And the question recurring upon the adoption of said resolutions, numbers five and six, the following was offered as a substitute, and, on motion, adopted in lieu thereof.

*Resolved*, That if the Trustees and friends of the College of St. Andrew, be unable to raise a fund of \$20,000 by the first of August next, then that the operations of the Institution be suspended, unless, in the judgment of the Trustees, it can otherwise support or sustain itself.

No further business appearing before the Convention, a motion to adjourn *sine die*, was carried.

The minutes of this day were examined and approved.

Whereupon, the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, after prayers, and the Apostolic Benediction, declared the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

GILES M. HILLYER, Secretary.



## APPENDIX A.

# PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

### Trinity Church, Natchez.

The Rector reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, as follows :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	150
Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	-	2	} 18
Children,	-	-	-	-	16	
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	10
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	15	} 147
Removed,	-	-	-	-	8	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	6	} 9
Colored,	-	-	-	-	3	
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	13
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	-	15	} 100
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	85	

### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	\$310 00
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	318 00
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	341 00
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	440 00
Contingent Expenses of Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	40 00
Communion Alms, (not including those for special purposes,)	-	-	-	-	-	403 00
Parish Library,	-	-	-	-	-	320 00
Sunday School, toward the support of two Students at Na-	-	-	-	-	-	187 50
shotah, at \$125 a year, each,	-	-	-	-	-	
Several parishioners, to Society for Conversion of Jews,	-	-	-	-	-	75 00
Toward the erection of a Church in Illinois,	-	-	-	-	-	75 00
Communion offering for the Church at Aberdeen,	-	-	-	-	-	181 00
Repairs on Rectory,	-	-	-	-	-	600 00
						<b>\$3290 50</b>

In the above list are only two contributions for Parochial objects, while the offerings of this year exhibit an encouraging increase of about one-half on those of the last.

The foundation has been laid for a fine Parish Library, which is already beginning to do its appropriate work, quietly, but efficiently. It is proposed to add to the present stock of books, by annual collections in Church.

The long-continued prevalence of scarlet fever, affords a sufficient explanation of the diminished report of our Sunday School. Notwithstanding this serious drawback, however, and encouraged by the noble liberality of one of the teachers, the children have pledged themselves to support a second Student at Nashotah.

The Rector has added to his usual Sunday labors, an occasional service at Vidalia, La. He hopes to have it in his power to resume the same, more systematically, hereafter.

The memorial of the Parish for the past year—its alms and its prayers—is before God. We will hope that present results may prove the seed of a far richer harvest hereafter.

W. R. BABCOCK, Rector.

### St. Paul's Church, Woodville.

The undersigned reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, that he has had temporary charge of St. Paul's Church, Woodville, Wilkinson county, since February last; that the Parish has been vacant for near a year, and that he is unable to give an accurate statement of its present condition :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	32
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	1	} 7
Children, “	-	-	-	-	3	
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	3	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	3	
Died,	-	-	-	-	not known	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	not known	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	36
Funeral,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	20

### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	\$15 00
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	75 00
Contingent Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
To relieve the Rectory of debt,	-	-	-	-	-	870 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$975 00

ISAAC PARDEE.

### Christ Church, Church Hill.

The Rector respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the register of the Parish :

Families—About	-	-	-	-	-	35
Baptisms—White, adults,	-	-	-	-	3	} 42
“ infants,	-	-	-	-	13	
Colored, “	-	-	-	-	26	
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	7
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	10	} 51
By transfer,	-	-	-	-	1	
Died,	-	-	-	-	1	
Present number, white,	-	-	-	-	44	
“ “ colored,	-	-	-	-	7	
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Funerals—White,	-	-	-	-	5	} 7
Colored,	-	-	-	-	2	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Communion offertory,	-	-	-	-	-	\$62 75
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	83 50
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	200 00
Rent of Rectory,	-	-	-	-	-	250 00
Contingent Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	30 00

Total, - - - - - \$726 25

When the Rector compares the foregoing statement with the reports of the four preceding years of his Ministry in this Parish, and when, in connection with the above, he considers the uniformly large attendance upon Divine Service, together with the marked moral condition of the Parish generally, he cannot do less than “render thanks to God above,” for the many evidences of the Divine favor bestowed during the past year. In the opinion of not a few, the day is near at hand, when it will become necessary to re-arrange the interior of our Church edifice, with a view to the more comfortable accommodation of those who attend Divine worship.

B. M. MILLER, Rector.

### Christ Church, Vicksburg.

The Rector of Christ Church, Vicksburg, reports to the Bishop, the following statement, from the Register of his Parish :

Number of Families,	-	-	-	-	-	92
Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	-	7	} 33
Children,	-	-	-	-	26	
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	13
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	21	} 120
Died,	-	-	-	-	1	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	4	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	13
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	11
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	-	15	} 115
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	100	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Weekly Collections,	-	-	-	-	-	\$448 65
Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	-	266 26
Organ and Window,	-	-	-	-	-	1300 00
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	387 70
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$2352 61

In addition to the above contributions and subscriptions, the Parish has increased the Rector's salary, and bestowed aid upon new Churches, to a considerable amount.

W. W. LORD,  
Rector.

### St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the Register of his Parish :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	8
Baptisms—Children, white,	-	-	-	-	3	} 15
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	12	
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	7	} 5
“ Removed,	-	-	-	-	2	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	1	} 3
Colored,	-	-	-	-	2	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's salary to July 1, 1855,	-	-	-	-	-	\$10 00
Contingent Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$15 00

The undersigned assumed the charge of this Parish in November, 1854, since which time, services have been held on every alternate Sunday. Some of the baptisms, and one of the marriages, reported in the foregoing statement, were performed in the Parish of Saint James, Port Gibson. The house of worship in Grand Gulf is held in common by two of the denominations, as well as by Episcopalians; but it is hoped, that in the course of the present year, God willing, a Church edifice will be commenced. Until we have a building of our own, little can be done in carrying out the Church system.

JNO. PHILSON, Rector.

### St. Matthew's Church, Clinton.

The Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Clinton, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the Parish Register:

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Confirmations, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	12	-	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	4	-	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Communion offerings, - - - - - \$12 00

I took charge of this Parish in the month of October, 1854, since which time, services have been held twice a month. No Church edifice has yet been erected, owing to the depression of the season.

JAMES PHILSON.

### St. Mark's Church, Raymond.

The Rector of St. Mark's Church, Raymond, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the Parish Register:

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	-	1	}	6
Children,	-	-	-	-	5		
Confirmations, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	3	-	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	4	-	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1



## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Building a Parish Church,	-	-	-	\$1750 00
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	6 50
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	7 70
Weekly offerings,	-	-	-	60 45
Total,	-	-	-	\$1824 65

The undersigned took charge of this Parish on the 1st August, 1854, since which time, the Church building has been erected, and is expected to be sufficiently completed for holding service regularly after this month. The services are well attended, and the Church seems to be gaining on the affections of the people generally.

The Bishop's Salary, except \$5, and the assessment for contingent expenses for this year, have been paid from the offerings.

JAMES PHILSON.

## St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbus, reports to the Bishop as follows:

Number of families,	-	-	-	21
Communicants,	-	-	-	52
Baptisms—Infants, white,	-	-	1	} 20
“ colored,	-	-	19	
Funerals,	-	-	-	1
Marriages,	-	-	-	3
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	7	} 43
Scholars, white,	-	-	6	
“ colored,	-	-	30	

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge,	-	\$50 00
Bishop's Salary,	-	60 00
Contingent Fund,	-	15 00
Total,	-	\$125 00

The Parish is without a suitable place of public worship, which circumstance militates much against its prosperity. The new Church edifice, for which funds to the amount of \$5800 have been secured by subscription and other means, owing to several untoward events, has not yet been commenced. It is, however, hoped that the work will soon be in progress, and completed by the close of the next conventional year.

A plan adopted by the Rector, for the benefit of the rising gene-

ration of servants, by which the owners become teachers on their own plantations, in the country, has met with some success. This will account for the increased number of colored Sunday School scholars reported.

It was the hope of the Rector, to have reported every communicant, and every adult member of this Parish, an annual subscriber to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, but the great pressure in our monetary affairs has, for the present year, prevented his carrying that object out. A good deal, however, has been done, and he yet anticipates entire success.

During the last year, I have performed missionary duty three times at Macon, and administered the Holy Communion once.

T. S. W. MOTT.

### Christ Church, Holly Springs.

The undersigned reports to the Bishop as follows :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	30
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	1 }	7
Children,	-	-	-	6 }	
Confirmations, white,	-	-	-	-	5
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	11	
Died,	-	-	-	1	
Removed,	-	-	-	8	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	51
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	3
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	6 }	46
Scholars,	-	-	-	40 }	
Contributions connected with the Church.	-	-	-	-	\$302 00

G. W. SILL.

### St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, as follows :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	55
Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	9 }	35
Infants,	-	-	-	26 }	
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	18

Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	0	
Removed,	-	-	-	12	
Suspended,	-	-	-	2	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	90
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	3
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	12
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	8	} 48
Scholars,	-	-	-	40	
Contributions connected with the Church, other than the	-	-	-	-	
Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	\$517 25
A. D. CORBYN, Rector.					
E. DENNISTON, Deacon.					

### Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne County.

The Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne county. reports to the Bishop as follows :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	10
Baptisms—Infants, (by the Bishop)	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants, white,	-	-	-	11	} 15
Colored,	-	-	-	4	
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School Teacher—The Rector,	-	-	-	1	} 21
Scholars	-	-	-	20	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Contribution to Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$ 5 00
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	52 00
Contingent Expenses,	-	-	-	-	5 00
Alms,	-	-	-	-	15 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	\$50 00

At Cold Lake, in Washington county, I baptized 1 adult, 5 white children, and 5 colored children; making a total of 11.

At Gallatin I continue to officiate once a month, but owing to various causes, I am sorry to say, that the prospects for a permanent Parish are not increasing.

WILLIAM PRESBURY, Rector.

### St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, respectfully report to the Bishop of Mississippi :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	8
Baptisms—Infants, white,	-	-	-	4	63
Infants and children, colored,	-	-	59	}	
Communicants—Removed,	-	-	-	2	37
Present number, white,	-	-	15	}	
“ colored,	-	-	22	}	
Marriages, whites,	-	-	-	2	4
Colored,	-	-	-	2	

I resumed the charge of this congregation in January last. The Warden informs me that the Bishop's salary, with other parochial assessments, has been paid up to the first of October, 1855.

The collections for missions, were handed to the Bishop, when visiting the Parish; the amount is not remembered.

Our Church is open for Divine worship on the first and third Sundays of each month, in the morning for the white, and in the evening for the colored congregation. The condition of this Parish is encouraging. We want only one thing, “the blessing of God, our Savior,” and for that, we constantly and earnestly pray.

WILLIAM FOGG, Rector.

### Trinity Church, Yazoo City.

The Rector of Trinity Church, at Yazoo City, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the register of his Parish :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	25
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	2	68
“ Colored,	-	-	-	45	
Childred, white,	-	-	-	10	
“ Colored,	-	-	-	11	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	1	13
Colored,	-	-	-	12	
Communicants—Former number,	-	-	-	19	34
Added, white,	-	-	-	3	
“ colored,	-	-	-	12	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	
Marriages, whites,	-	-	-	3	11
colored,	-	-	-	8	
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	00
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	3	21
Scholars,	-	-	-	18	

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's salary to July 1st, 1855,	-	-	-	\$80 00
Contingent Expenses of Convention,	-	-	-	20 00
Missions,	-	-	-	18 00
Communion alms,	-	-	-	25 00
Total,	-	-	-	\$148 00

There was no Rector of this Parish for several months prior to the regular visitation of the Bishop, which fact will account for the comparatively small number of confirmations. The adult colored persons, baptized, as stated in the foregoing schedule, the Bishop has not had an opportunity to visit. They, together with several white persons, may be regarded as candidates for confirmation.

WM. PARKER SCOTT.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Pontotoc, Grace Church, Okolona, and St. Peter's, Oxford, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese as follows :

## St. John's Church, Pontotoc.

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	11
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	3 }	4
Children, white,-	-	-	1 }	
Confirmations, whites,	-	-	-	3
Communicants—Added,	-	-	1	17
Removed,	-	-	1	
Present number,	-	-	-	17

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's salary,	-	-	-	\$10 00
Contingent Expenses,	-	-	-	00 00
General expenses,	-	-	-	15 00

There is not much to remark upon the condition of this Parish, since last year. The services are generally well attended, and we are not without hope for the future.

## Grace Church, Okolona.

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	5
Confirmations, blacks,	-	-	-	4
Communicants, white,	-	-	9 }	19
black,	-	-	10 }	

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Contingent expenses,	-	-	-	-	\$ 5 00
Bishop's salary,	-	-	-	-	10 00

I now reside in this Parish, and hope to give to it more of my time than formerly. The town is growing rapidly, and the growth of the Church, although, heretofore, slow, may hereafter be more vigorous. The congregations are mostly made up of the various sects, and consequently are not very uniform.

**\*St. Peter's Church, Oxford.**

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	9
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	3	} 4
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	1	
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	4	} 3
Removed,	-	-	-	-	3	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	12

From January last this Parish has been, generally, under the charge of Rev. Prof. Barnard, whose able ministrations will make it grow rapidly. They are zealous and faithful in their endeavors to erect a Church building, and will, no doubt, succeed. The prospect is encouraging.

I think that I have never worked so hard in the ministry as during the past year; and yet the good accomplished seems as nothing. I hope that it may be bread cast upon the waters.

THOR. B. LAWSON, Rector.

**St. Peter's Church, Oxford.**

F. A. P. Barnard, minister officiating in St. Peter's Church, Oxford, reports to the Bishop as follows:

Number of Families,	-	-	-	-	-	8
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	3	} 3
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	0	
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	0	
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	0	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	4	} 4
colored,	-	-	-	-	0	
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	8	} 2
Died,	-	-	-	-	0	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	2	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	15

\*This report ends with January last.

Marriages, whites,	-	-	-	-	-	0	}	0
colored,	-	-	-	-	-	0		
Funeral,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Contributions for Church purposes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$25 00

This Church continues to be under the Rectorship of Rev. T. B. Lawson. Mr. Lawson, however, residing at a distance, and being encumbered with the care of the Parishes at Okolona and Pontotoc, the undersigned, at his request, and with the approbation of the Bishop, and the consent of the vestry, undertook, in December last, to discharge such of the duties of Rector as might be within his competency.

The services of the Church are held in the building belonging to the Presbyterian denomination, on two Sundays in every month. It has been a long time in agitation, to erect a suitable Church edifice, and efforts have been made, by the vestry, to obtain a site, and to raise funds for the purpose. Hitherto, however, nothing decisive has been accomplished. It seems to be questionable whether, within the Parish, can be obtained means adequate to the erection of such a building, as is to be desired in this place. Something more is needed than merely to provide for the immediate wants of the Parish.

The University of Mississippi, a seminary of learning, already large, and rapidly growing, is situated here; and the advantages which can hardly fail to flow from bringing a body of young men so considerable in number, and so certain to exert, hereafter, a powerful influence over public opinion, into familiarity with the forms of Church worship, and into acquaintance with Church doctrines and principles, cannot be estimated too highly. It is believed that the object is one which the entire Diocese, not to say the whole Southwest, is almost equally interested: and to those who desire to do something for the advancement of the Church, of which the result cannot be for a moment doubtful, no more fit mode can possibly present itself, than a contribution toward the erection of a Church edifice at Oxford.

F. A. P. BARNARD.

### Ascension Church, Hernando.

The Rector of Ascension Church, Hernando, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese:

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	5	
Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	0	}	5
Children, white, (by the Bishop,)	-	-	-	5		
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	7
Funeral,	-	-	-	-	-	1

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Contingent Expenses, - - - - - \$5 00

The Bishop is aware that there is no Vestry to represent this Parish, and that the incumbent receives no support from it; nor can he even collect the small amount assessed for the Bishop's Salary, &c.

All of which he respectfully submits.

AND'W MATHEWS, Rector.

## St. John's Church, Aberdeen.

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	20
Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	-	3	} 15
Children,	-	-	-	-	12	
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	5	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	9	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	16
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	2

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's salary, - - - - - \$20 00

Contingent Fund, - - - - - 5 00

I meet the children of the congregation every Sunday morning, for catechetical instruction, but, as yet, have no regularly organized Sunday School. I took charge of the Parish about the first of December, 1854. I found it heavily encumbered with debt, but a disposition, on the part of the Vestry and congregation, to do all in their power to cancel their indebtedness as soon as possible. The want of navigation for the shipment of the last year's crop of cotton, and consequent pecuniary embarrassment, has produced a depressing and disheartening effect upon this whole community. Business is entirely at a stand. There is no money in circulation, and the last year's crop of corn having been almost a failure, there is much suffering among the poorer class, for want of bread.

My congregation has been steadily increasing, and although I have been disappointed in getting the Church free from debt as soon as I anticipated, I am not without hope for the future.

CHARLES H. DISBROW, Rector.



### Grace Church, Canton.

The Rector of Grace Church, Canton, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement, from the Register of his Parish :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	26
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	3	} 11
Children, “	-	-	-	-	8	
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	3	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	2	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	37
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	-	12	} 59
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	47	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's salary,	-	-	-	-	-	\$40 00
Contingent expenses of Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Collections and contributions for Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge,	-	-	-	-	-	28 00
Contributions for an Organ,	-	-	-	-	-	350 00
Communion alms and monthly offerings,	-	-	-	-	-	30 00

Total, not including Rector's salary, - \$458 00

During the past year, the Rector has held several services at Sharon—latterly nearly once a month—and has received much encouragement from the increasing size of the congregation, and the interest which is evidently growing in the services of the Church.

HENRY SANSON.

### St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood.

The Rector of St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood, reports to the Bishop as follows :

Number of families,	-	-	-	-	-	8
Baptisms—Infants, white,	-	-	-	-	1	} 6
Adults, colored,	-	-	-	-	5	
Confirmations, colored,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Communicants—Last reported,	-	-	-	-	12	
Added, colored,	-	-	-	-	5	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	17

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's salary, (assessment,)	-	-	-	-	-	\$40 00
Contingent fund, 1854-'5,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Domestic Missions, two contributions,	-	-	-	-	-	51 25
Society for Diffusion of Christian Knowledge in Mississippi,	-	-	-	-	-	32 00
Other objects,	-	-	-	-	-	10 25

Total, - - - - - \$143 50

THOS. D. OZANNE.

### St. Luke's Church, Brandon.

I respectfully report to the Bishop, that I have been employed as Classical Professor in St. Andrew's College, Jackson, since the 5th of October, 1854; and also, that I commenced ministerial service in St. Luke's Church, Brandon, on the 26th of November, 1854, which has been duly performed twice a month, unto the present time; and will, Divine Providence permitting, be continued unto the end of July, 1855:

Church families,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	1	}	8
Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	2		
1 adult and 4 children, by the Bishop,	-	-	-	-	-	5		
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

The Holy Communion has been administered four times, the number of Communicants varying from six to nine. The congregation is generally large and attentive.

JAMES S. GREENE.

### Trinity Church, Pass Christian.

The Minister of Trinity Church, Pass Christian, Harrison Co., reports to the Bishop, the following statement, from the Register of the Parish:

Number of families,	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	
Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	3	}	26
Children,	-	-	-	-	-	14		
Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	9		
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	-	4	}	26
Removed,	-	-	-	-	-	5		
Died,	-	-	-	-	-	1		
	Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	7	}	117
Scholars, white,	-	-	-	-	-	60		
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	50		

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$38 00
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	61 55
Society Diffusing Christian Knowledge,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Bishop's salary,	-	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
Contingent expenses of the Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
Sunday School Library,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18 00
Communion alms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	49 98
General purposes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	123 43
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>\$410 96</u>

The Minister of Trinity Church, Pas Christian, regrets that he cannot report a favorable spiritual state of the Church under his charge. Being compelled to keep a school for his support, and finding the school greatly increasing, he is unable to devote that attention to the Parish, which its needs demand. This being the case, he felt it his duty to resign his charge of the Church, in favor of one who could give his whole time to the work, intending to give his own attention, clerically, to the neighboring points, Shieldsborough and Biloxi. But his resignation not being accepted, he continues his connection with the Church for the present, subjected to the hindrances of a school. He still hopes that the Parish will give, another year, sufficiently to support a minister without the necessity of keeping a school, and redeem their pledge, long made, to the erection of a parsonage. When their hearts and purses shall be opened sufficiently to do this, then may we expect the Divine blessing.

THOS. S. SAVAGE.

### Calvary Church, Holmes County.

The Rector of Calvary Church, Holmes county, respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following from the Register of the Parish, viz :

Number of families,	-	-	-	-	-	7
Baptisms—Adult,	-	-	-	-	1 }	2
Infant,	-	-	-	-	1 }	
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	4	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	16
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	1

### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Assessments by the Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	\$15 00
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	10 15
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	7 50
General purposes,	-	-	-	-	-	33 96
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$66 61

Since the last Convention, the Parsonage has been so far completed, as to be occupied, from the 1st of August, by the family of the Rector. The Church edifice has been finished, with the exception of painting, for which the materials have been ordered, and a contract made for the work ; so that we hope to have the building entirely completed and ready for consecration, in a few weeks.

And although, in the spiritual condition of the Parish, the improvement has not been so obvious, yet I trust that the regu-

lar ministration of God's Word and Ordinances, has not been entirely without fruit to the glory of His name. May it increase a hundred fold.

I have continued to officiate at Lexington once a month, though there appears but little prospect of the Church making any decided progress there, till we can provide a suitable place of our own for services.

In March, I also officiated once in Carrollton, to a very respectable and attentive congregation, and was earnestly entreated to repeat my visit to the place, which I design doing as often as I can.

B. HALSTED.

### St. John's Church, Early Grove.

The Rev. Jas. W. Rogers, Rector of St. Thomas' Hall, Holly Springs, and ministering at St. John's Church, Early Grove, respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese:

That he took charge of St. Thomas' Hall, in January last, and is gratified at being able to state that Institution of the Church is in a condition of present prosperity, with a good prospect of future increase. The number of pupils is between fifty and sixty. Many additions have been made to the building and premises, calculated to promote the comfort and conveniences of the occupants, as well as to improve the general aspect of the Institution. He is ably assisted in his duties, by Messrs. Harris and Caldwell.

On the invitation of the Vestry of St. John's Church, Early Grove, he has officiated at that place on two Sundays in each month, since the 1st of January. The congregations are large and regular in their attendance; and there is every prospect of good being done. The invitation of the Vestry was accepted, however, with the understanding that they were to make every reasonable effort to obtain more regular and efficient ministrations.

Number of families in the Parish,	-	-	-	10
Baptisms—Infants,	-	-	11	} 20
Adults,	-	-	9	
Confirmations,	-	-	-	11
Communicants—Added,	-	-	11	
Died,	-	-	1	
Present number,	-	-	-	16

JAMES W. ROGERS.

### Chapel of the Cross, Madison County.

The Rector of the Chapel of the Cross, Madison county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement, from the register of his Parish:

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	8
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	4	28
“ colored,	-	-	-	19	
Children, white,	-	-	-	5	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	3	14
Colored,	-	-	-	11	
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	15	28
Died,	-	-	-	2	
Present number—white,	-	-	-	11	28
colored,	-	-	-	17	
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School Teacher,	-	-	-	1	76
Scholars, colored,	-	-	-	75	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	\$ 20 00
Contingent Expenses of Convention,	-	-	-	5 00
Collections for, and contributions to Society for Diffusion of Christian Knowledge,	-	-	-	30 00
Contributions for an Organ,	-	-	-	250 00
Interest on Bishop's Fund,	-	-	-	45 00
Completion of the Rectory in Canton,	-	-	-	70 00
Contributions of slaves, for Missionaries in Africa,	-	-	-	3 00
Total,	-	-	-	<b>\$423 05</b>

The condition of this small, but interesting Parish, is of the most gratifying and encouraging nature. From existing circumstances—the sparseness of the population, the unconquerable prejudice against the Church, and the *committal* of almost every family in the neighborhood to some religious creed—the Rector is not able to present the report of large accessions to the Church, from the white population. Nor need it ever be expected in this Parish. It will, probably, always be a “little flock;” but as long as God spares the warm hearts which now worship before that altar, though small, yet it must always be one of the most delightful rural Parishes in the Diocese.

But what presents a most delightful feature in this Parish, and surrounds it with a good degree of interest, is the field of usefulness it presents for the *religious improvement of the slave*. Immediately on entering the duties of the Parish, the present Rector, appropriated the evening service to this interesting portion of our population. But for more than twelve months, his labors appeared like casting the seed upon a rock, and many a time has he retired from the Sanctuary disheartened, and exclaiming: “Who is sufficient

for these things?" For a season his faith staggered, as to whether the race was susceptible of *genuine* religious culture; that their feelings could be wrought upon, was beyond question; but whether they were capable of being conformed to the will of God, in heart and in life, for a time, seemed to him doubtful. But with the help of God, he determined to give the question a fair trial, and accordingly addressed himself heartily to the work.

In doing this he soon found that he could not build upon another's foundation; that he must subvert all former ideas of religion; *un-teach* what was false, in order to lay the foundation of a correct knowledge of "the truth, as it is in Jesus." At length "the day-spring from on high visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadows of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace." A few, at first, were led to inquire for "that good way," in which they could find "rest to their souls," and from that time, the "leaven" has been silently, but gradually working, and the state of this congregation increasing in interest.

The Church is generally crowded with servants from adjoining plantations, many of whose owners belong to other religious bodies, and would prefer to have their servants connected with them, but say they, "we love to come here, we hear so much more of the Bible, and receive so much more instruction about the commandments of God." Scarcely a service is held now, without some of these poor creatures presenting themselves as candidates for admission into "the Church of the living God." Nearly *thirty* have been admitted to the Holy Ordinance of Baptism, and their consistent, Godly conduct, (as reported by their owners and overseers,) is sufficient to satisfy the most sceptical mind, as to their piety. Indeed, the degree of favor with which they enter into the worship of God; the air of simplicity and earnestness with which they repeat the responsive parts of our beautiful service; the spirit with which they chaunt the songs of the Church; the evident eagerness with which they drink in the word of life; and their streaming tears, as they tremblingly ask the way to Zion, often strike shame to the heart of the writer, that he doubted the power of the Holy Spirit to cause Ethiopia's sons to stretch out their hands unto God.

The Rector of this Parish would not feel that he had given "credit, where credit was due," if he did not state that much of the good that has been effected among the slaves, may be traced, to the quiet, unostentatious, but indefatigable, exertions of a devoted young lady, who is a member of this Church. To her self-sacrificing efforts, to give them religious instruction in the Sunday School, is owing, undoubtedly, in a great degree, the success which has attended the preaching of the Gospel to these poor people. Her labors of love, will never be forgotten by many in this world, nor will they be unrewarded in the world that is to come.

**Church of the Messiah, Noxubee County.**

Families,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Baptisms—Infants, white,	-	-	-	-	1	}	4
colored,	-	-	-	-	3		
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi,	-	-	-	-	\$10 00
Domestic and Foreign Missionary Societies,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Communion offerings,	-	-	-	-	18 60

Families,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Collection for Foreign and Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	\$5 60

From a lady of our Church in DeKalb, who is a life member  
of the Episcopal Society for the Diffusion of Christian  
Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi, \$10, to be ap-  
propriated to that Society, - - - \$10 00

**WILLIAM CLOTWORTHY.**

### Hurricane and Diamond Place.

The Rev. F. W. Damus, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement of the two Missionary Stations, Hurricane and Diamond Place :

#### HURRICANE.

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	1	} 9
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	2	
Children “	-	-	-	-	6	
Confirmations—Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	2	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	7
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	1	} 2
Colored,	-	-	-	-	1	
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	4

#### DIAMOND PLACE.

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Baptisms—Adults, colored,	-	-	-	-	3	} 12
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	2	
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	7	
Confirmations—Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	8	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	1	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	18
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	2

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Communion Alms, since February 4,	-	-	-	\$48 10
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In addition to the above statistics, the undersigned would also state, that during his sojourn at Biloxi, last summer, he assisted in the organization of a Parish, designated “The Church of the Redeemer,” performed Divine service regularly, every Sunday, from June till October, at said place, and established, also, a promising Sunday School, with its necessary appurtenances, library, gazettes, reward books, etc.

He respectfully submits to the Bishop, the following report of his ministerial labors, at that place :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	10
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	1	} 8
Children, white,	-	-	7		



Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	1
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	8	68
Scholars,	-	-	-	60	
F. W. DAMUS, Missionary.					

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*Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, D. D., Bishop of Mississippi :*

The undersigned respectfully reports, that since his resignation of the Parishes of St. Mark's, Raymond, and St. Matthew's, Clinton, in August last, he has given his whole attention to his duties as Rector of the Mount Salus Academy, occasionally assisting the Rev. Mr. Philson, on Sundays.

Since the last Convention he has baptized 3 infants, and 6 adults ; married 1 couple, and officiated at 3 funerals.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. H. WELLER.

MT. SALUS ACADEMY, May 17, 1855.

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*Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir :*

Since I became connected with the Diocese of Mississippi, I have been occupied with the duties of Rector of the College of St. Andrew. I have preached only on two occasions during that time, and on several occasions of public worship, assisted in the service, and in the celebration of the Holy Communion.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSHUA SWEET,  
Rector, College of St. Andrew.

JACKSON, May 17, 1855.

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The undersigned respectfully reports to his Bishop, that he has been, during the Ecclesiastical year, covered by this report, constantly engaged in the active duties of his profession, except when prevented by sickness, or other uncontrollable circumstances.

There have been six Sundays during the year, in which I have been thus hindered.

All these services have been rendered outside of your jurisdiction ; and so I regret the less, that I have not, at hand, my records

of specific acts. I have not been voluntarily idle a *single Sunday* or *Holy day*, and have, a large majority of the time, held double daily services.

For the past six months, I have held, in charge, the Church at Paducah, Ky., but have not considered my location a permanent one, as I have not enough labor to occupy my time in that Parish. As yet, I have been unable to procure any one to take the charge off my hand.

I have been able to devote a part of my time to voluntary missionary service, in my neighborhood.

My report to Bishop Smith, will be full and accurate, of my work in his Diocese.

With prayers, for success in your labors, and best wishes for your Diocese, I desire to remain as ever, very truly, your son in the Church.

F. W. BOYD.

ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER, near Baton Rouge, April 28, '55.

*To the Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi:*

The undersigned respectfully reports that in January last, he commenced his labors in this county, dividing them as seemed most advisable between Coffeetown, Grenada, and the intervening neighborhood. At Coffeetown he feels quite encouraged, as the services are generally well attended. At Brooke's Chapel, also, the attendance has been good, and many are learning to join in our service, who have, before, been entire strangers to it. The greatest drawback to the success of his labors, consists in there being no Church building of our own, at either of the three places, at which he stately officiates. On his arrival he was induced to undertake a school in connection with his Church duties, but has since relinquished it.

SAMUEL J. HAYWARD,

Diocesan and Missionary in Yallobusha county.

MAY 15, 1855.

## SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS. 1854, '55.

NAME OF CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	RECTOR OR MINISTER.	No. Families	Baptisms		Confirm't'ns	Communicants			Marriages...	Funerals.....	S. Schools		Contribu'ns
				Adults.	Infants		Added.	Died...	R'm'vd			Pres'n't No..	Teach's	
Trinity, Christ,	Natchez,	Rev. W. R. Babcock,	150	2	16	10	15	0	8	147	9	13	\$3391	
St. Andrew's,	Vicksburg,	Rev. W. W. Lord,	92	7	26	13	21	1	4	120	13	11	2902	
Christ,	Jackson,	Rev. A. D. Corbyn,	55	9	26	18	0	14	0	50	3	12	517	
St. Paul's,	Church Hill,	Rev. B. M. Miller,	35	3	39	7	11	1	0	91	2	7	726	
Christ,	Columbus,	Rev. T. S. W. Mott,	21	0	20	0	0	0	0	52	3	1	125	
Trinity,	Holly Springs,	Vacant,	30	1	6	5	11	1	8	51	3	1	302	
Trinity,	Pas Christian,	Rev. T. S. Savage,	24	3	23	0	4	1	5	26	1	3	410	
St. Paul's,	Yazoo,	Rev. W. P. Scott,	25	47	21	13	15	0	0	34	11	0	143	
Epiphany,	Woodville,	Rev. Isaac Pardee,	32	1	6	4	3	0	0	36	0	1	975	
Grace,	Claiborne Co.,	Rev. W. Presbury,	10	0	2	0	0	0	0	15	1	1	50	
St. Philip's,	Canton,	Rev. H. Sansom,	26	3	8	0	3	0	2	37	0	0	458	
St. John's,	Kirkwood,	Rev. T. D. Ozanne,	8	5	1	5	5	0	0	17	0	0	143	
Grace,	Pontotoc,	Rev. T. B. Lawson,	11	3	1	3	1	0	1	17	0	0	50	
St. Peter's,	Okolona,	Rev. T. B. Lawson,	5	4	0	4	0	0	0	19	0	0	15	
Chapel of Cross,	Oxford,	Rev. T. B. Lawson,	9	6	1	4	12	0	5	15	0	1	25	
Advent,	Madison Co.,	Rev. H. Sanson,	8	23	5	14	15	2	0	28	0	1	423	
Calvary,	Washington,	Rev. C. Reighley,	15	0	1	2	2	0	8	15	1	0	140	
St. John's,	Holmes Co.,	Rev. B. Halsted,	7	1	1	3	4	0	0	16	1	0	60	
	Lake Wash'gtn	Vacant	12	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	

St. Mark's,	Raymond,	Rev. Jas. Philson,	13	1	5	2	8	0	4	13	1	0	0	1824	65
St. Matthew's,	Clinton,	Rev. Jas. Philson,	15	6	0	4	12	0	4	21	0	2	0	12	00
Ascension,	Hernando,	Rev. A. Matthews,	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	5	00
St. Luke's,	Brandon,	Rev. J. S. Greene,	6	2	6	0	0	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	00
	Cold Lake,	Rev. W. Presbury,	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
St. Paul's,	Grand Gulf,	Rev. John Philson,	8	0	15	0	0	0	2	5	3	0	0	15	00
St. John's,	Aberdeen,	Rev. C. H. Disbrow,	20	8	12	5	5	0	9	16	2	0	0	25	00
	Diamond,	Rev. F. W. Damus,	2	3	9	5	8	0	1	18	0	2	0	48	10
	Hurricane,	Rev. F. W. Damus,	1	3	6	2	2	0	0	7	2	4	0	0	00
Redeemer,	Biloxi,	Vacant,	10	1	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	00
St. Andrew's,	Marshall Co.,	Rev. W. Fagg,	8	0	63	0	0	0	2	37	4	0	0	85	00
		Rev. R. H. Weller,	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	00
		Rev. F. W. Boyd,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
		Rev. J. A. Fox,	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	00
St. John's,	Early Grove,	Rev. J. W. Rogers,	10	9	11	11	11	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	00
Messiah,	Noxubee Co.,	Rev. W. Clotworthy,	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	38	60
Messiah,	DeKalb,	Rev. W. Clotworthy,	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	15	60
		Rev. G. W. Sill,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
		Rev. F. A. P. Barnard,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
		Rev. E. Denniston,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
		Rev. S. J. Hayward,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
		Rev. J. Sweet,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
		By the Bishop, be-	0	80	38	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
		yond limits of Parishes.													
			678	183	411	153	163	772	941	62	71	93	671	\$12,968	68

PARISHES NOT REPORTED.... St. James', Port Gibson; St. John's, DeSoto Co.; Church of the Crucifixion; St. Mary's, Laurel Hill; St. John's, Lake Washington

[ ] In the adding up of the above Schedule, are included the baptisms by the Bishop, beyond the limits of the parishes, of 38 infants and 80 adults; also the confirmations of 16 individuals.

## APPENDIX B.

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# CONSTITUTION AND CANONS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

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## CONSTITUTION.

**ARTICLE I.** The Church in the Diocese of Mississippi acknowledges the authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

**ART. II.** There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese every year, at such time and place as may be fixed on by the preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church requires it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it; and, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee, on urgent reasons, may call a special Convention. When a special Convention is so called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in giving notice thereof, to specify the business and purposes for which it is to be assembled, and no other business shall be transacted than that which is thus specified, or necessarily connected with it.

**ART. III.** The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, canonically resident in the Diocese for three months prior to the session of the Convention, shall be entitled to a seat in the same; and it is hereby made his duty to attend its deliberations.

Every Parish within this Diocese, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a Lay Delegate, or Lay

Delegates not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Rector, a Warden, or the Secretary of the Parish, shall, before the admission to seats, be laid before the Convention; *Provided*, That no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate, unless he be a stated worshipper in the Parish which he represents. The delegation from each Parish shall be entitled, on a division, to but one vote.

ART. IV. New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes; *Provided*, They shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

ART. V. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex officio*, the President of the Convention; but, during a vacancy in the Episcopate, or in the absence or inability of the Bishop of the Diocese, the members shall elect a President from among the Presbyters; *Provided*, That, in the absence or inability of the Bishop of the Diocese, the Convention may invite the Bishop of any other Diocese to preside over the deliberations of the Convention, who, if he accept the invitation, shall have all the powers and privileges of the President of the Convention.

ART. VI. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Annual Convention.

ART. VII. The members of the Convention, present on due notification, and consisting of not less than three Clergymen, and Lay Delegates from three Parishes, shall constitute a quorum to transact the regular business of the Convention. The Clergy and Lay Delegates shall deliberate in one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for, in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Convention.

ART. VIII. When, on account of the prevalence of any epidemic or contagious disease, it shall be thought imprudent to hold the Convention at the place appointed, the Bishop may change it, by giving notice in some newspaper, and notifying the Ministers and Parishes.

ART. IX. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any Article, except at the annual meetings of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

# CANONS.

## CANON I.

### OF THE ADMISSION OF CHURCHES.

SECTION 1. Whenever any number of persons shall associate to form an Episcopal Congregation, they shall adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and shall assume a suitable name, by which their Church or Parish shall be designated, and appoint not less than three, nor more than eleven, Vestrymen, and two Wardens. A certified copy of the Articles of Association, and of the proceedings at their adoption, shall then be laid before the Convention; and, if approved by that body, Delegates from that Congregation or Parish may take seats in the Convention: and the Congregation shall be considered as united to the Convention, and subject to its control.

SEC. 2. Every Parish, so organized, shall annually, on Easter Monday, or soon afterwards as may be, elect the same number of Vestrymen, or such number as the Vestry, at some meeting previous to the election, have designated, who shall be stated worshippers in the Church—who shall, as soon as may be after their election, assemble and appoint two Wardens, a Register and Treasurer.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Rector, agreeably to the ancient usage of the Church, to preside in all Parish and Vestry meetings; but, in case of his absence, one of the Wardens shall preside.

## CANON II.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall be composed of three Presbyters and two Laymen, and be elected at each Annual Convention. Any vacancy occurring in this Committee, may be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining members. They shall keep full minutes of their Proceedings, which shall be laid on the table of each Annual Convention, and read therein.

## CANON III.

### OF SUSPENSION FROM THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY.

The Bishop, with the advice of the Standing Committee, shall be empowered to suspend from the functions of the Ministry, any Minister who shall be charged with improper, irreligious, or immoral conduct; and further, this suspension shall be continued until the disposal of the charges against him by a canonical trial, unless before such trial, the Bishop and Standing Committee are satisfied, from

testimony laid before them, of a thorough reformation of his life: *Provided*, That no Minister shall be suspended, until he shall have been notified, by the Bishop or Standing Committee, of the nature of the charges against him, and an opportunity given him to be heard, in relation thereto, before the Bishop or Standing Committee.

## CANON IV.

### OF THE TRIAL OF CLERGYMEN.

SECTION 1. The trial of a Clergyman of this Diocese shall be on presentment made to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, in writing, signed by the party making it; and every presentment of a Clergyman shall be either by the Convention of the Diocese, by the Vestry and Church Wardens of the Parish to which such Clergyman may belong, or by one or more Presbyters of the Church.

SEC. 2. In all cases of presentment contemplated by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, or by those of this Diocese, a copy of the charge or charges, and specifications, together with a citation to appear and answer, shall be served upon the party accused, in the manner hereinafter provided, with all convenient speed. The charges and specifications shall be set forth with such reasonable certainty and description, as may enable the defendant to know and prepare for his defence. And upon the trial of such presentment, the rules of evidence, as understood and enforced in the judicial tribunals of the State, shall govern, except so far as they are altered or modified by the Canons of the General Convention, or by those of the Diocese.

SEC. 3. The regular place of trial, and the office for the record of all ecclesiastical proceedings, shall be the house of the Bishop; but, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall appoint the place for these purposes; and the Bishop, by and with the concurrence of his Council of Advice, may appoint any place within his Diocese for the trial, if there be any special reasons moving him thereto.

SEC. 4. All testimony adduced upon the trial shall be in writing, taken, on due notice to the parties, either by a Commissary appointed for that purpose, by the ecclesiastical authority, or in the manner of commissions or depositions in civil cases. But this provision shall not prevent the oral examination of witnesses who may be present at the trial.

SEC. 5. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are Communicants in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 6. The Convention of the Diocese shall, at every regular session, elect five Presbyters, canonically resident in the Diocese. The Presbyters so elected shall constitute an Ecclesiastical Court for



the trial of Clergymen. The members of the Court so elected shall hold their office until the close of the next regular meeting of the Convention—provided, however, that if from any cause there be no election, they shall continue in office until a new election takes place.

SEC. 7. Four of the Court so elected shall constitute a *quorum*, and may proceed with the trial of any presentment.

SEC. 8. Whenever a vacancy occurs in said Court, it shall be filled by the Bishop. And the persons, so appointed to fill said vacancy, shall hold their office until a new Court is elected.

SEC. 9. When the defendant appears, he may plead, generally, "not guilty," to all the charges and specifications; or, he may admit them to be true; or, he may plead "not guilty" to part, and admit the residue. Upon such specifications as are admitted to be true, it shall be the duty of the Court to decide whether they amount to such an offence, as is canonically presentable. And in regard to such specifications as are denied, the said Court shall try the same; and shall pronounce their verdict, either "guilty" or "not guilty," on each specification.

SEC. 10. Upon the finding of the Court that the defendant is guilty upon one or more of the specifications; or in case they are of opinion that the facts admitted to be true amount to a presentable offence, it shall proceed to suggest what sentence, in its opinion, ought to be inflicted. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop to pronounce such judgment as is suggested: *Provided*, always, that in case of judgment, other than degradation, the Bishop may, at any time afterwards, with the advice of the Standing Committee, modify or remit said sentence.

SEC. 11. It shall require a concurrence of at least three members of the Court present to find the defendant guilty. Each member of the Court shall be at liberty to record his opinion.

SEC. 12. The Court shall, upon the trial, appoint a Clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep a regular record of each day's proceedings. He shall also record the judgment rendered by the Bishop; and each day's proceedings, shall be signed by the members of the Court. A true record of said proceedings, so signed, shall be filed with the Standing Committee; and copies certified by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, shall, in all cases, be received as evidence of said record and proceedings.

SEC. 13. If, from sickness or other necessary cause, any member or members of the Court cannot attend the trial, it shall be the duty of the members of the Court present, to select some other Presbyter or Presbyters to take their place; *Provided*, That when four of the regular members attend, no such appointment shall be made.

SEC. 14. The expenses of the trial shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Church.

SEC. 15. If the accused do not appear, the Court may proceed

to trial in his absence; or, for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day: and if he refuse or decline to appear, the Court shall report him to the Bishop, for contumacy, who thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, in three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial. And if he does not so report and appear, the Bishop may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SEC. 16. If any member of the Court be the party making the presentment, or be connected by consanguinity or affinity with the party making the presentment or with the accused, such member shall not preside at such trial.

SEC. 17. All citations and notices in any ecclesiastical proceedings, whether to parties or witnesses, may be served either personally, or by leaving a copy thereof at their residences respectively; the time between the day of service and the day of appearance being not less than twenty days, over and above the ordinary time required to travel to the place of appearance. And in case there is reason to believe that a Minister, against whom any ecclesiastical proceedings have been instituted, has departed from the United States, or that the place of his sojourn cannot be conveniently ascertained, then it shall be sufficient to have a copy of the citation published three times in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State in which he last resided, and also in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State in which he is cited to appear, at least six months before the day of appearance.

SEC. 18. In all cases of presentment of Ministers, where the party accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, sentence of suspension shall be passed for contumacy: which sentence shall continue in force until the party consents to a regular trial.

#### CANON V.

##### OF VACANT PARISHES.

It shall be the business of the Bishop, and, if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee, when informed by the Vestry of either of the Churches in this Diocese, that such Church is not provided with a Minister, (in which information, the means which the Church has for supporting a Minister, shall be stated,) diligently to inquire for and recommend to the Vestry giving such information, a proper person to officiate in the said Church; and they shall report to the Convention, at each annual meeting, what information of vacancies they have received, and their proceedings thereon.

#### CANON VI.

##### OF RESIGNATION OF A PARISH.

Whenever any Minister, having charge of a Church or Parish in this Diocese, shall resign such Church or Parish, it shall be the duty

of the Secretary of said Church, and, if there be no Secretary, then of the Wardens, and if there be neither Secretary nor Wardens, then of the Vestry, to communicate, in writing, forthwith to the Bishop, if there be a Bishop, and if not, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, the fact of such resignation.

### CANON VII.

#### OF THE ELECTION OF BISHOPS.

In the election of a Bishop, the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately, (the Clergy individually, and the Laity by Congregations,) and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

### CANON VIII.

#### OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention, at the session immediately preceding the regular session of each General Convention, shall elect four Clerical and four Lay Delegates to the next ensuing General Convention. And these Delegates shall retain their office, until their successors are elected.

### CANON IX.

#### OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

In order to secure more effectually an accurate view of the state of the Church, it is hereby made obligatory on every Parish Minister to conform his Parochial Report to the following form, and his failure to comply therewith shall be deemed a sufficient cause for the exclusion of such Report from the pages of the Journal of the Convention :

#### Form of Parochial Reports.

The Rector (or Minister) of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ county, reports to the Bishop (or Convention) of the Diocese, the following statement from the Register of his Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	} Total, —
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	} Total, —
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	
Colored,	-	-	-	-	
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	} —
Died,	-	-	-	-	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	—

Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	} Total,	-	-
Colored,	-	-	-	-		-	-
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	} Total,	-	-
“ “ Scholars,	-	-	-	-		-	-

CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH. \$

....., Rector.

~~See~~ State also any matters of fact which show the condition of the Parish.

## CANON X.

### OF FINANCE.

SECTION 1. A Committee of Finance, consisting of five, (a majority of whom shall be Laymen,) shall be appointed at each session of the Convention, to assess the amount to be contributed by each Parish, to the support of the Episcopate, and to the contingent fund of the Convention, and to whom shall be referred all matters of a financial character.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer shall, at least one month previous to the meeting of every stated Convention, call upon each Vestry, to send the latter amount, including arrearages, if there be any, by the hands of the Delegates to the Convention.

## CANON XI.

### OF THE MODE OF ORGANIZING THE CONVENTION.

When the day appointed for the assembling of the Convention has arrived, the Bishop of the Diocese, if he be present, or, in his absence or inability, the President of the Standing Committee, or, in his absence, any Presbyter, on motion, shall take the chair, and call the Convention to order; and the Secretary of the last Convention, or, in his absence, the Secretary of the Standing Committee, or, in his absence, any clerical or lay member named by the presiding officer, shall be, *pro tem.*, Secretary of the Convention. The list of Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, furnished by the Bishop, or, in his absence, by the President of the Standing Committee, shall next be read; the credentials of Lay Delegates shall then be laid on the Secretary's table, and referred to a Committee, consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen, who shall, as soon as may be, report on the same. If it shall appear that a constitutional quorum is present, the presiding officer shall declare the Convention ready for business.

## CANON XII.

### OF EXPENSES IN ATTENDING CONVENTION.

Every Parish shall provide for the expenses of its Rector, whilst attending the Convention, and going to and from the same.

## CANON XIII.

## OF CONVOICATIONS.

SECTION 1. Convocations shall be held at such times and places as, in the opinion of the Bishop, the interests of the Church require.

SEC. 2. The Bishop shall notify as many of the Clergy as he deems necessary, not less than four, to meet him in Convocation at the time and place appointed; and it is hereby made the duty of the Ministers notified, to attend such meeting; *Provided*, That nothing in the foregoing shall prevent any three or more Presbyters from assembling in Convocation, by the appointment, and with the consent, of the Bishop of the Diocese, given in writing, and public notice given thereof, one month prior to such assembling. *Provided, also*, That in the event of the Bishop's inability to attend, the Senior Presbyter (by Ordination) present, shall be the presiding officer at such Convocation.

SEC. 3. The Holy Communion shall be administered on Convocation Sunday, and a Convocation sermon shall then be preached by the Bishop, or by some Presbyter by him appointed as a substitute. After sermon, a collection shall be taken up for Diocesan Missions.

SEC. 4. The expenses of the Ministers attending the Convocation, shall be paid out of the funds of the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi.

SEC. 5. Such person or persons as shall be licensed to sell and distribute books by the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in this Diocese, shall be notified, by the Bishop, of the meetings of the Convocation, and requested to attend with books and tracts for sale and distribution.

## CANON XIV.

## OF TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

SECTION 1. The Convention shall annually elect three responsible Trustees, who shall hold office until the election of their successors, to take charge of and manage, under the direction of the Convention, the Episcopal fund. It shall be the duty of said Trustees to invest said fund, collect the annual interest due thereon, and pay the same, from time to time, to the Bishop. When a vacancy occurs by death, resignation, or removal from the Diocese, it shall be filled by the next Diocesan Convention—the remaining Trustees to have full power to act until the vacancy be filled.

SEC. 2. All bonds, notes, or other moneys, due on account of said fund, shall be made payable to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund for the Diocese of Mississippi, or their successors in office. All bonds or notes now payable to the Standing Committee, shall be transferred to said Trustees.

SEC. 3. Said Trustees shall loan out the principal of said fund in their hands, for such time as they deem best, taking the bonds or notes for the repayment of the principal at the stipulated period, and also for the annual payment of the interest. No loan, however, shall be made by said Trustees, unless the same be secured by two responsible sureties, and by deed of trust on unencumbered property, the cash value of which shall be at least double the amount of the sum loaned. Said deed of trust shall contain a clause authorizing the Trustees to sell the property, or so much as may be necessary, whenever there is a default in payment of either principal or interest.

SEC. 4. Said Trustees may, with the consent of the Bishop, invest part of said fund, not exceeding five thousand dollars, in the purchase of a permanent Episcopal residence. And they may, if the money is not collected in notes in their hands, borrow such sum as may be necessary, and mortgage the property purchased for its repayment. The property shall be purchased in their name, as Trustees for the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi.

SEC. 5. Said Trustees shall report to each Convention the amount of money, notes, bonds, or other property, received by them, and from whom, the amount paid out, &c., so that an accurate account of the state of the fund may be always before the Diocese.

SEC. 6. Said Trustees may receive bonds, the principal of which may be made payable at such time as said Trustees may deem advisable: *Provided, however,* that the interest at six per cent. shall be payable annually: *Provided, further,* that when the money is paid on said bonds, the Trustees shall be bound to loan it to the person who paid it, if he should desire it. In such case, the money shall be loaned at legal interest, and shall be secured, as heretofore provided for in Section 3.

## CANON XV.

### OF GENERAL TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH.

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund shall be the General Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Mississippi, and as such, are authorized to receive, by will, deed, or otherwise, for the use of the Church, such property and money as may be given to it by any person or persons.

## CANON XVI.

### OF OFFERINGS FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Besides individual contributions for Missions or other purposes, it shall be the duty of the Rector of every Parish, to collect, twice a year, the offerings of the Parish for Diocesan Missions, to-wit: on the second Sunday of April, and the second Sunday of October; and if, from any cause, the offerings are not collected on said days, they shall be collected on some subsequent Sunday.

## CANON XVII.

## OF ATTENDANCE ON CONVENTION.

Every Clergyman, entitled to a seat in the Convention, shall, in case of his inability or failure to attend, communicate, in writing, his reasons therefor to the Bishop, at the session of the Convention, or in one month thereafter.

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**Form for the Organization of New Parishes.**

We, the subscribers, assembled for the purpose of organizing a Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the town of ———, county of ———, and State of Mississippi, after due notice given, do hereby agree to form a Parish, to be known by the name of ——— Church, and as such, do hereby acknowledge and accede to the doctrine, discipline and worship,—the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitutions and Canons of the same Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and we do accordingly now appoint ———, [not less than three, nor more than eleven persons, naming them,] to be the first Vestry of ——— Church; and ———, [two persons, naming them,] to be the first Wardens, to continue in office until Easter Monday, A. D., ———, and until others be chosen in their place: And an election of Vestrymen shall hereafter be held on Easter Monday of each successive year, or as soon thereafter as may be.

Witness our hands at ———, county of ———, and State of Mississippi, this ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord, ———.

## APPENDIX C.

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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE DIFFUSION OF CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, MAY 19, 1855.

At a regular meeting of the P. E. Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi, held in Christ Church, Vicksburg, on the Saturday after Ascension day, 1855,—  
Present :

Rt. REV. W. M. GREEN, D. D., ex-officio in the chair—

The meeting was called to order, and the proceedings of the last Annual Meeting were read.

The Secretary and Treasurer read his Report of the proceedings during the past year, and submitted, besides his Report, a list of contributors during the year, (A.,) a recapitulation of the amount received, (B.,) and his account (C.) for the year, with the vouchers therefor. The Report and accompanying papers were ordered to be published with the proceedings of the Society. The account and vouchers were submitted to a Committee, Messrs. Yerger and Smedes, to examine and report.

The undersigned committee, to whom was referred the report of J. Roach, Secretary and Treasurer of the Society, have examined the same, with the accompanying vouchers, find the same in all things correct, and offer the following resolution, viz :

*Resolved*, That the accounts of the Treasurer be allowed and be published, as usual in the proceedings of the Convention.

W. C. SMEDES,  
GEO. S. YERGER.

The Secretary stated that he was informed and believed, that a member of the Vestry of St. Paul's, Columbus, had remitted in a letter twenty dollars in bank notes, to constitute Rev. T. S. W. Mott a life member of this Society, but that the letter had never come to hand. It was therefore

*Resolved*, That the Rev. T. S. W. Mott be constituted a life member of this Society.



The following communication, addressed to the Society by Grace Church, Canton, was read:

*To the Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi:*

At a meeting of the Vestry of Grace Church, Canton, held on May the 14th, it was unanimously—

*Resolved*, That the Vestry of Grace Church, Canton, do hereby tender their sincere acknowledgments to the "Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge," for the kind assistance which has been given to this Parish for several years, and believing that by God's blessing they will be able henceforward to be self-supporting, they do now most respectfully decline receiving any further aid.

*Resolved*, That we most cordially and sincerely recommend, that the amount formerly given by the Society to Canton, be appropriated to Sharon in this county, at which place we believe the prospects for the Church to be of a most encouraging nature.

H. SANSOM, Chairman.

J. L. MOSBY, Secretary.

It will be but doing the Vestry of Grace Church justice, to say, that provided any appropriation is made by the Society to Sharon, they are ready to relinquish so much of their claims on the time of the Rector, as will allow him to visit the place once a month.

H. SANSOM.

It was—

*Resolved*, That twenty-five dollars, out of the funds of the Society, be donated to the "Bishop White Prayer-Book Society," in consideration of their friendly aid, and many marks of kind feeling to the Church in this Diocese.

On a resolution to elect Officers for the ensuing year, all the Officers were unanimously re-elected, viz:

First Vice President, Rev. JAS. A. FOX; Second Vice President, JAS. S. JOHNSTON; Third Vice President, M. W. EWING.

Managers, GEO. S. YERGER, CHAS. SCOTT, WM. HARDEMAN, W. C. SMEDES, E. C. LAUGHLIN.

Secretary and Treasurer, J. ROACH, Vicksburg.

The Secretary stated that since his annual report was closed, on the day previous to the assemblage of the Convention, contributions had been received from several individual members, and from St. Paul's, Columbus, Grace Church, Canton, and St. Philip's, Kirkwood, the Rectors of which Parishes had by their unwearying efforts added largely to the membership of the Society during the year. A contribution of \$51 50 was handed in by J. S. Johnston, Esq., being a convocation collection at Christ Church, Church Hill.

It was—

*Resolved*, That the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, now in session, be respectfully requested to cause the Proceedings of this meeting, its Reports, and the Constitution of the Society, to be printed in an Appendix to the Journal of said Convention, with a view of bringing the objects of the Society more fully to the knowledge of the Church in the Diocese.

Adjourned sine die.

J. ROACH,

Secretary and Treasurer.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

VICKSBURG, 17th May, 1855.

*Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, D. D., President :*

Dear Sir : The undersigned, Secretary and Treasurer of the "Protestant Episcopal Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi," submits herewith his statement of the receipts and expenditures of the year :

120 annual and occasional contributors have paid	-	\$226 75
1 life member has been added, (Mrs. M. L. Johnston,)	-	20 00
On \$280 life members sub'rs, funded int'st has been paid,		33 60
A missionary has refunded an amount advanced to him,		50 00
3 Parishes have paid instalment on Smedes & Yerger debt,		17 20
14 Parishes have paid as by their Churches,	-	724 05

Making total receipts for the year,	-	\$1,071 60
And the balance in the Treasury, May 31, 1854, was	-	477 34

		\$1,548 94
Payments, (see statement C.)	-	1,114 63

Balance in Treasury at this date,	-	\$434 31
and the note of \$280 of W. M. Green, with W. C. Smedes and G. S. Yerger, sureties, bearing 8 per cent. interest.		

The receipts are larger than they were last year, but the number of annual contributors has fallen off. But few of the Churches have complied strictly with Canon 16, which requires a collection to be taken up in each Parish in the Diocese on the second Sunday in April and October. For prayer-books, catechisms and tracts, \$109 63 have been expended; \$150 has been paid to the Book Agent; \$30 have been sent to aid a student at Nashota; and nine missionaries, at eleven different stations, have been aided out of the funds of the Society during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ROACH,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

A.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI, MAY 18, 1855.

### LIFE MEMBERS—21.

Mrs. Mary Abby,	-	Port Gibson.
Mrs. St. John Elliott,	-	Natchez.
Mrs. John A. Quitman,	•	"

C. S. Abercrombie,	-	Natchez.
Rt. Rev. W. M. Green,	-	Jackson.
Geo. S. Yerger,	-	"
Andrew Turnbull,	-	Washington county.
Mrs. B. G. Keger,	-	"
Mrs. Florida Laughlin,	-	Warren county.
Mrs. Robert Cox,	-	Holly Springs.
Miss Ann Hazard,	-	DeKalb.
Mrs. Columbia Leigh,	-	Yalobusha.
Mrs. P. M. Grant,	-	"
Mrs. Rebecca Pegues,	-	"
Miss Ellen Hay,	-	"
W. C. Smedes,	-	Vicksburg.
James S. Johnston,	-	Church Hill.
Robert Y. Wood,	-	"
Two persons, names not given, reside near	-	"
Mrs. M. L. Johnston,	-	Livingston.
At date of last Report, 20; added since, 1.		Total, 21.

ANNUAL AND OCCASIONAL CONTRIBUTORS — 120 IN NUMBER —  
SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL REPORT OF MAY 31, 1854, TO THE  
CONVENTION.

T. S. Anderson,	-	Kirkwood Parish.
Mrs. E. Anderson,	-	"
Edward Anderson,	-	"
Chapman Anderson,	-	"
Thomas Anderson,	-	"
Flora Anderson,	-	"
McWillie Anderson,	-	"
Jane Anderson,	-	"
Dr. E. H. Anderson,	-	"
Mrs. Sarah Anderson,	-	"
Maltby Anderson,	-	"
Kate Anderson,	-	"
Edward Anderson,	-	"
Mrs. Barnett,	-	St. Paul's Par., Columbus.
Dr. Burt,	-	"
Mrs. Burt,	-	"
Mr. (Blank)	-	"
Mrs. Barnett,	-	"
Mrs. Emma Balfour,	-	Christ Ch. P., Vicksburg.
D. Tilton Bigelow,	-	"
Mrs. Brungard,	-	"
Mrs. Britton,	-	Chapel of Cross, Liv'gston.
Dr. Bell,	-	DeKalb.
Cash (\$13)	-	Diamond Place Parish.
Rev. Mr. Clotworthy,	-	Ch. of Messiah, Noxubee.
Mrs. Cunliffe,	-	Calvary Church, Holmes.
Rev. F. W. Damus,	-	Diam'd Pl. & Hurricane P.

Mrs. Joseph E. Davis, - - -	Diamond Pl. & Hurricane P.
W. Drane, - - -	Grace Church, Canton.
Miss Nancy Evans, - - -	St. Paul's, Columbus.
Miss Fanny Evans, - - -	"
Mrs. M. W. Ewing, - - -	Trinity Parish, Yazoo.
" (family of) - - -	"
A friend - - -	Grace Ch. Parish, Canton.
Miss Emily Fox, - - -	Christ Church, Vicksburg.
Mrs. W. M. Green, - - -	St. Andrew's, Jackson.
Berkley Green, - - -	"
Geo. Green, - - -	"
Duncan Green, - - -	"
Stephen Green, - - -	"
Sally Green, - - -	"
Elizabeth Green, - - -	"
Dr. Hemmingway, - - -	Kirkwood Parish.
David Hemmingway, - - -	"
G. M. Hillyer, - - -	Trinity Parish, Natchez.
Mrs. E. A. Hampton, - - -	DeKalb.
Mrs. Ann H. Houghton, - - -	"
Gen. E. Hinton, - - -	Chapel of Cross, Liv'gston.
Mrs. Chloe A. Hinton, - - -	"
Mrs. E. J. Hinton, - - -	"
Mrs. Hays, - - -	Christ Church, Vicksburg.
Miss Minerva Harris, - - -	"
Mrs. Howcott, - - -	Grace Church, Canton.
Mrs. Hudson, - - -	Ch. of Messiah, Noxubee.
Mrs. M. Johnston (life mem'ship)	Chapel of Cross, Liv'gston.
Dr. F. L. Lee, - - -	St. Paul's, Columbus.
Mrs. Lee, - - -	"
Mrs. Long, - - -	"
W. A. Lake, (family of) - - -	Christ Church, Vicksburg.
Two ladies, - - -	Diamond Place Parish.
Capt. Adam McWillie, - - -	Kirkwood Parish.
Mrs. Lucy McWillie, - - -	"
Eliza McWillie, - - -	"
Louisa McWillie, - - -	"
Col. Wm. McWillie, - - -	"
Mrs. McWillie, - - -	"
Miss A. McWillie, - - -	"
Miss Ida McWillie, - - -	"
Miss Lucy McWillie, - - -	"
Rev. T. S. W. Mott, - - -	St. Paul's P., Columbus.
Mrs. S. Mosely, - - -	Grace Ch. Parish, Canton.
Rev. T. D. Ozanne, - - -	Kirkwood Parish.
Mrs. Ozanne, - - -	"
Edward Ozanne, - - -	"

James Ozanne, - - -	Kirkwood Parish,
William Ozanne, - - -	"
Rev. W. Presbury, - - -	Ch. Epiphany, Claiborne.
Mrs. Presbury, - - -	"
Miss Presbury, - - -	"
Mr. R. W. Phillips, - - -	Ch. Advent, Washington.
Dr. Posey, - - -	St. Luke's P., Brandon.
Miss Fanny Payne, - - -	St. Paul's Ch. P., Columbus.
Mr. W. M. Payne, - - -	"
Miss Sarah Payne, - - -	"
Miss Mary A. Payne, - - -	"
Miss Penfield, - - -	—
Mr. Ramsey, - - -	St. Paul's, Columbus.
Mrs. Ramsey, - - -	"
J. Roach, - - -	Christ Church, Vicksburg.
Miss Victoria Shields, - - -	Parish Ch. Hill, Jeff'n co.
Dr. Scott, - - -	
A. Sneed, - - -	Grace Ch. Parish, Canton.
Rev. H. Sansom (for a few friends)	"
Rev. H. Sansom (self) - - -	"
J. J. Sherman, - - -	St. Paul's, Columbus.
A. B. Sturdevant, - - -	"
Mrs. Sturdevant, - - -	"
Mrs. Shields, - - -	"
Mrs. E. S. Smith, - - -	Chapel of Cross, Liv'gston.
Mrs. Slaughter, - - -	Ch. of Messiah, Noxubee.
Miss Judith Slaughter, - - -	"
James S. Slaughter, - - -	"
Mrs. Mary Slaughter, - - -	"
Mrs. Sarah Stanton, - - -	"
John Stanton, - - -	"
Thomas Stanton, - - -	"
Mrs. Frank Smith, - - -	Grace Ch. Parish, Canton.
J. T. Taylor, - - -	St. Paul's P., Columbus.
Col. T. C. Tupper, - - -	Grace Ch. Parish, Canton.
Miss J. Vaughn, - - -	St. Paul's, Columbus.
Miss S. A. Woodville, - - -	"
Rev. R. H. Weller, - - -	St. Matthew's, Clinton.
Mrs. E. A. Weller, - - -	"
Isaac Winston, - - -	St. Paul's, Columbus.
Miss F. M. Weatherston, - - -	St. Matthew's, Clinton.
Dr. W. B. Williamson, - - -	Edward's Depot.
Mrs. Isabella Williamson, - - -	"
Miss Williamson, - - -	"
Master Williamson, - - -	"
Master Williamson, - - -	"

## B.

## Recapitulation.

From one hundred and twenty annual and occasional contributors,	\$226 75
From one Life Membership, (Mrs. M. L. Johnston,)	20 00
From interest for one and a half years from Geo. S. Yerger and W. C. Smedes, on \$280 of Life Memberships, funded to 19th Dec., 1854,	33 60
From Rev. Jas. Philson, this amount advanced him, refunded,	50 00
From Grace Church, Canton, third instalment, Smedes and Yerger's donation,	6 00
From Epiphany Church, Claiborne, third instalment, Smedes and Yerger's donation,	7 20
From St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, third instalment, Smedes and Yerger's donation,	4 00
From St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, collection after the Convention, including \$6 from pupils, Mt. Salus Academy,	45 75
From St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, Mission Box,	10 95
From St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, Mission Box, in accordance with Canon 16,	50 00
From Mt. Salus Academy Chapel,	6 20
From St. Mark's, Raymond, in accordance with Canon 16,	7 70
From Christ Church, Church Hill, " " "	25 00
From Christ Church, Vicksburg, " " "	170 70
From Grace Church, Canton, " " "	11 00
From Chapel of the Cross, Livingston, " " "	4 50
From St. Andrew's Church, Marshall, " " "	8 50
From Calvary Church, Holmes Co., " " "	10 15
From Trinity Church, Yazoo, " " "	17 60
From Trinity Church, Natchez, " " "	341 00
From St. Paul's Church, Woodville, " " "	15 00
Total receipts for the year,	\$1,071 60

## C.

*J. ROACH, Treasurer, in account with Protestant Episcopal Society, for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in Diocese of Mississippi.*

1855.

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May 17.	To balance on hand 31 May, 1854.	\$477 24
	To receipts from one hundred and twenty annual and occasional contributors,	226 75
	Debit amount brought forward,	\$703 99

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To one Life Membership, Mrs. M. L. Johnston, - -	20 00
To interest from Geo. S. Yerger and W. C. Smedes, on \$280, funded to 19th Dec, 1854,	83 60
To Rev. Jas. Philson, amount ad- vanced him refunded, -	50 00
To Grace Church, Canton, third in- stalment, Smedes and Yer- ger's donation, - -	6 00
To Epiphany Church, Claiborne, third instalment, Smedes and Yerger's donation, -	7 20
To St. Andrew's Church, Marshall, third instalment, -	4 00
To Convention collection, at St. An- drew's Church, Jackson, including \$6 from pupils of Mt. Salus Academy, -	45 75
To St. Andrew's, Jackson, Mission Box, - -	10 95
To St. Andrew's, Jackson, in ac- cordance with Canon 16,	50 00
To Mt. Salus Academy Chapel, -	6 20
To St. Mark's, Raymond, in ac- cordance with Canon 16,	7 70
To Christ Church, Church Hill, in accordance with Canon 16,	25 00
To Christ Church, Vicksburg, in accordance with Canon 16,	170 70
To Grace Church, Canton, in ac- cordance with Canon 16,	11 00
To Chapel of Cross, Livingston, in accordance with Canon 16,	4 50
To St. Andrew's Church, Marshall, in accordance with Canon 16,	8 50
To Calvary Church, Holmes county, in accordance with Canon 16,	10 15
To Trinity Church, Yazoo, in ac- cordance with Canon 16,	17 60
To Trinity Church, Natchez, in ac- cordance with Canon 16, -	341 00
To St. Paul's Church, Woodville, in accordance with Canon 16,	15 00
	<hr/> \$1,548 94

1854.		<i>CR.</i>	
June	5.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Rev. W. Presbury, Miss'y Gallatin, - -	\$ 50 00
	6.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Rev. J. L. Johnson, Miss'y at Early Grove, - -	50 00
	6.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Rev. T. B. Lawson, Miss'y at Pontotoc, - -	100 00
	15.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Mr. G. Stewart, Book Agent,	100 00
	19.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Rev. Mr. Keouen, Miss'y at Grenada, - -	50 00
July	17.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Rev. John Philson, Miss'y,	60 00
	24.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Rev. Mr. Ingraham, bill of Tracts, - -	20 00
Aug.	3.	By amount Bishop's order, favor bill of Prayer Books, -	50 00
	16.	By amount Bishop's order, favor bill of books, Mr. Bigelow,	30 00
	16.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Rev. Jas. Philson, advanced,	50 00
Sept.	16.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Folkes & McRae, charges on books, - -	6 00
	20.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Rev. J. Lloyd Johnston, Miss'y at Pas Christian,	25 00
Oct.	16.	By amount Bishop's order, favor A. B. Peabody, student at Nashotah, - -	30 00
Nov.	13.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Crutcher & McRaven, freight on books, - -	3 63
	30.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Rev. J. Philson, Raymond,	50 00
Dec.	7.	By amount Bishop's order, am't Mr. Smedes donation, sent to Aberdeen, - -	100 00
1855.			
Jan.	4.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Rev. John Philson, Miss'y,	40 00
Credit account carried forward,			<u>\$814 63</u>
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	Credit account brought forward,	\$814 63
14.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Rev. Jas. Philson, Miss'y,	50 00
8.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Rev. J. J. Hayward,	75 00
27.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Mr. Geo. Stewart, Book Agent,	25 00
March 15.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Rev. Edward Denniston,	50 00
17.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Rev. C. H. Disbrow,	50 00
30.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Mr. Geo. Stewart, Book Agent,	25 00
April 20.	By amount Bishop's order, favor Edition of Catechisms,	25 00
	Balance on hand,	434 31
		<hr/> \$1,548 94

Also, on hand, note of Bishop Green, with W. C. Smedes and G. S. Yerger, sureties, \$280.

J. ROACH, Secretary and Treasurer.

VICKSBURG, May 17, 1855.

#### Note.

The Treasurer of the Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge, acknowledges the receipt, since the opening of the Convention, of the following sums :

*From Christ Church, Church Hill*—Convocation collection, \$51 50.

*From Epiphany Church, Claiborne*—Mr. E. McCaleb, Mrs. F. McCaleb, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Presbury, \$5.

*From St. John's, Annadale*—M. W. Ewing, \$5.

*From Trinity Church, Pas Christian*—By Mr. Kershaw, \$5 ; Miss C. A. Heirn, \$1.

*From St. Mark's Parish, Clinton*—Rev. R. H. Weller, \$1.

*From Christ Church Parish, Vicksburg*—E. R. Welles, \$1.

*From Trinity Church, Natchez*—Mr. G. M. Hillyer, \$2 50.

*From St. Philip's Parish, Kirkwood*—Mr Nolan, Mrs. Nolan, Pierce Nolan, \$3.

*From St. Paul's, Columbus*—By Rev. T. S. W. Mott, six annual subscribers, \$6.

*From Christ Church, Holly Springs*, \$12.

*From Christ Church, Vicksburg*—A collection taken up in said Church, on first Sunday after Ascension, during the Convention, in accordance with Article X, of Constitution of the Society. \$112 45.

J. ROACH, Treasurer.

SATURDAY AFTER ASCENSION, 1855.

## D

## CONSTITUTION

OF SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE IN THE  
DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the SOCIETY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

ART. II. All Clergymen, canonically resident in the Diocese, shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Society, and such Laymen as shall pay the sums hereinafter mentioned.

ART. III. The officers of the Society shall be the Bishop as President; a first, second and third, Vice President; a Secretary or General Agent, and a Treasurer. When there is a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Society shall elect from the Presbyters, a President. The Vice Presidents, according to their numerical order, shall, in the absence, or by request of the President, perform the duties of President.

ART. IV. A committee of five, to be annually elected, shall constitute a Board of Managers. The Secretary of the Society shall be, *ex officio*, Secretary of the Board of Managers. A majority of the Managers shall constitute a quorum to do business. They shall have power to make such by-laws as they deem necessary.

ART. V. The Board of Managers shall establish a Diocesan Depository, and such branches as may be deemed necessary. They shall distribute the Bible, the Prayer Book, and such religious Tracts and other works, only, as may be approved by the Bishop, or the Board of Managers. Any person desirous to sell or distribute such books in the Diocese by authority of the Church, may be licensed to do so by the Bishop, and shall be allowed a reasonable compensation therefor out of the Society funds.

ART. VI. Missionaries employed by the Bishop, shall be allowed such salaries as he may direct, to be paid out of the funds of the Society. The President shall report to the Convention, the number of Missionaries aided by it—their different stations or employments—the sums paid to each—what person has been employed to sell books, and the number of tracts and books distributed. The person employed to sell books shall report to the Convention, the amount of books sold and distributed by him during the year. Said Managers shall, from the funds of the Society, aid in the education of such youths of piety as are recommended by the Bishop, and in general shall have power to adopt and execute such measures as they may deem proper to further the objects of this Society. When the Episcopate is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have the powers conferred by this Article to the Bishop.

**ART. VII.** It shall be the duty of the Society to aid and assist owners of plantations who are desirous to give religious instruction to their slaves, and to give information of such persons to the Bishop, in order that he may provide suitable Missionaries to organize Parishes on said plantations.

**ART. VIII.** The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Society—keep a list of the Missionaries paid or assisted by the Society, and the amount allowed to each. The funds in his hands shall only be paid out by order of the Managers or of the President. He shall report, at each anniversary meeting, the state of the Society's funds—its property—and present his accounts for examination and settlement.

**ART. IX.** The Secretary shall keep a Record of the Proceedings of the Board of Managers in a well-bound book. He shall, by virtue of his office, conduct the correspondence, and perform such other acts as the Board of Managers shall direct. He shall copy this Constitution on the Minutes of the first meeting of the Board of Managers.

**ART. X.** The Society shall meet annually, at the place where the Diocesan Convention is held, on the second day of the Convention. (Such of the clerical and lay members of the Society as may be present, shall constitute a quorum to do business; and in the absence of the President and Vice Presidents, a President *pro tem.* shall be elected.) A suitable sermon shall be preached during the Convention, or upon such day as shall be selected by the Bishop, either by the Bishop, or by some Clergyman appointed by him. After sermon, a collection shall be taken up for the use of the Society.

**ART. XI.** An election of officers of this Society shall be made at such anniversary meeting; and in case of a failure to elect, then the old officers shall continue in office until an election be held.

**ART. XII.** Every member, except Clergymen, shall pay at the time of subscription, and annually thereafter, on the first day of January, the sum of one dollar to the Rector of his Parish, or to such other person as shall be authorized to receive the same.

By the payment of twenty dollars, any one may become a life member of the Society, and shall not be subject to the annual assessment thereafter.

**ART. XIII.** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all donations which may be made to the Society, and cause a faithful record of the same to be kept, stating the name of the donor and the amount of the benefaction.

**ART. XIV.** A notice of the Society, its object, terms of membership, and request for such donations as the pious and liberal are disposed to make, shall be inserted as a standing advertisement in such papers published in the Diocese, as are disposed to insert the same without charge.

**ART. XV.** It shall be the duty of each Minister of this Diocese to publicly bring the objects of this Society annually before his Parish, and request the friends of religion to co-operate with him in procuring members and donations. He shall also report quarterly to the Secretary the names of the members, and the amounts received by him, and forward the same to the Treasurer annually.

**ART. XVI.** The President may convene the Board of Managers at any time he thinks proper.

**ART. XVII.** The Society being intended to assist, but not in any degree to interfere with the authority of the Church, it is hereby declared, that whatever is done by the Society, shall be done in subordination to the authority of the Church, and in accordance with the advice of the Bishop.

**ART. XVIII.** The Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting of the Society, by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present, and shall be published, together with the annual proceedings of the Society, with the Journals of the Convention.

# **Assessments on the Parishes, Made by the Convention, 1855.**

Parishes.	Bishop's Fund.	Contingent Expenses.
Trinity Church, Natchez, - -	\$440	\$40
Christ Church, Vicksburg, - -	320	30
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, - -	240	30
Christ Church, Church Hill, - -	200	30
Christ Church, Holly Springs, - -	100	20
Trinity Church, Pas Christian, - -	100	15
Trinity Church, Yazoo City, - -	80	20
St. Paul's Church, Woodville, - -	75	15
St. Paul's Church, Columbus, - -	60	15
St. John's Church, Lake Washington, - -	60	10
St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood, - -	60	10
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, - -	50	10
Grace Church, Canton, - -	40	10
St. Peter's Church, Oxford, - -	30	5
Epiphany Church, Claiborne county, - -	20	5
St. John's Church, Aberdeen, - -	20	5
St. John's Church, Pontotoc, - -	20	5
Chapel of the Cross, Madison county, - -	20	5
Advent Church, Washington, - -	20	5
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton, - -	20	5
St. Mark's Church, Raymond, - -	20	5
Calvary Church, Holmes county, - -	20	5
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf, - -	20	5
St. John's Chapel, Annadale, - -	20	5
St. Luke's Church, Brandon, - -	10	10
Messiah Church, Noxubee county, - -	10	5
Ascension Church, Hernando, - -	10	5
Grace Church, Okolona, - -	10	5
St. James' Church, Port Gibson, - -	10	5
St. John's Church, Early Grove, - -	10	5
St. John's Church, DeSoto, - -	10	5
Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo City, - -	10	2 50
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	\$2,185	\$352 50

☛ To the Fund for the Support of the Episcopate, the following Parishes are also indebted for arrearages, for the year ending July 1, 1855 :

Epiphany Church, Claiborne county, - - - -	\$10 00
St. John's Church, Pontotoc, - - - -	20 00
Ascension Church, Hernando, - - - -	10 00
St. John's Church, DeSoto county, - - - -	10 00
St. Luke's Church, Brandon, - - - -	10 00
St. James' Church, Port Gibson, - - - -	10 00
St. John's Church, Early Grove, - - - -	10 00
Church Messiah, Noxubee county, - - - -	10 00
Total,	<u>\$90 00</u>

☛ To the Contingent Expense Fund, the following named Parishes are also indebted for arrearages, on account of the assessment made by the Convention of 1854 :

St. John's Church, Lake Washington, - - - -	\$10 00
Church of the Messiah, Noxubee county, - - - -	5 00
Epiphany Church, Claiborne county, - - - -	3 00
St. John's Church, Pontotoc, - - - -	5 00
St. Luke's Church, Brandon, - - - -	10 00
Grace Church, Okolona, - - - -	5 00
St. James' Church, Port Gibson, - - - -	5 00
St. John's Church, DeSoto, - - - -	5 00
Total, - - - -	<u>\$48 00</u>

☛ As to the mode of payment of these assessments, see page 55, Journal of 1855.

The amount of the arrearages should be remitted without delay to the Treasurer of the Diocese, or the Treasurer of the Convention, as the case may be.

## DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

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### STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. W. Lord,	Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,
Rev. A. D. Corbyn,	Mr. W. C. Smedes.
Rev. R. H. Weller,	

### TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND AND CHURCH PROPERTY.

Mr. W. C. Smedes,  
Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,  
Hon. Charles Scott.

### DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. W. W. Lord,	Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,
Rev. B. M. Miller,	Mr. Wm. C. Smedes,
Rev. W. R. Babcock,	Mr. R. Evans,
Rev. Willard Presbury,	Mr. John T. McMurran.

### TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. W. R. Babcock,  
Rev. W. W. Lord,  
Mr. Geo. S. Yerger.

### ECCLESIASTICAL COURT.

Rev. B. M. Miller,	Rev. H. Sansom,
Rev. A. D. Corbyn,	Rev. W. W. Lord.
Rev. W. Presbury,	

### SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

Giles M. Hillyer, Natchez,

### TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

James Roach, Vicksburg.

### SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

*President*—Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, D. D.

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*Secretary and Treasurer*—Mr. James Roach, Vicksburg.

## Parishes in Union with the Convention.

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Trinity Church,	Natchez,	Adams county.
St. Paul's Church,	Woodville,	Wilkinson county.
St. Mary's Church,	Laurel Hill,	Adams county.
Christ Church,	Church Hill,	Jefferson county.
Christ Church,	Vicksburg,	Warren county.
St. Paul's Church,	Grand Gulf,	Claiborne county.
St. Matthew's Church.	Clinton,	Hinds county.
St. Mark's Church,	Raymond,	Hinds county.
St. Paul's Church,	Columbus,	Lowndes county.
Christ Church,	Holly Springs,	Marshall county.
St. Andrew's Church,	Jackson,	Hinds county.
Epiphany Church,	: : : : :	Claiborne county.
St. Andrew's Church,	: : : : :	Marshall county.
Trinity Church,	Yazoo City,	Yazoo county.
St. John's Church,	Pontotoc,	Pontotoc county.
Ascension Church,	Hernando,	DeSoto county.
St. John's Church,	Aberdeen,	Monroe county.
Grace Church,	Canton,	Madison county.
St. Philip's Church,	Kirkwood,	Madison county.
St. John's Church,	: : : : :	DeSoto county.
Church of the Crucifixion,	: : : : :	Yazoo county.
St. Luke's Church,	Brandon,	Rankin county.
St. John's Church,	Lake Washington,	Washington co'y.
St. James' Church,	Port Gibson,	Claiborne county.
Trinity Church,	Pas Christian,	Harrison county.
St. Peter's Church,	Oxford,	Lafayette county.
Calvary Church,	: : : : :	Holmes county.
St. John's Church,	Early Grove,	Marshall county.
Grace Church,	Okolona,	Chickasaw co'y.
Church of the Advent,	Washington,	Adams county.
Chapel of the Cross,	: : : : :	Madison county.
Church of the Messiah,	: : : : :	Noxubee county.
St. John's Chapel,	Annadale,	Yazoo county.

[ The Parishes are arranged, in the order of their Union with the Convention.  
SECRETARY.]




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## NOTICE.

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THE NEXT ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Protestant Episcopal Church, will be held at Christ Church, Vicksburg, on the *fourth Friday in April*, 1856.

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 All Communications intended for the Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, should be addressed to him, at *Natchez, Mississippi*.

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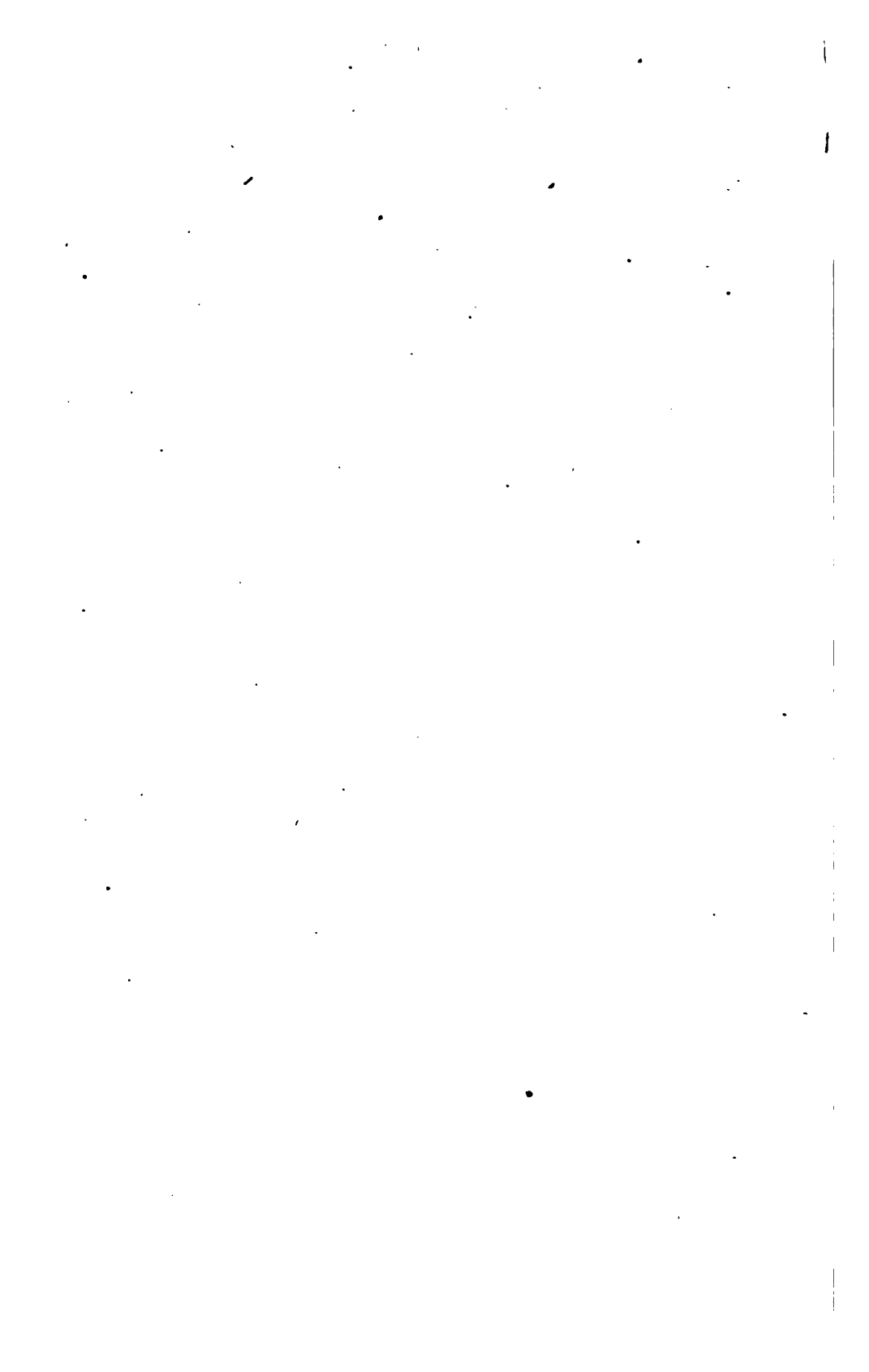
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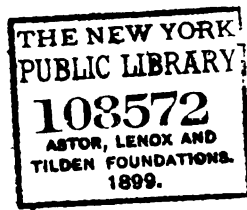
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# LIST OF THE CLERGY,

Entitled to Seats in the Diocesan Convention of 1856.

[Those, whose names are marked with an asterisk, attended the sittings of the Convention.]

\*Rt. Rev. Wm. Mercer Green, D. D., Jackson.

Rev. Wm. R. Babcock.

Rev. Fr. A. P. Barnard, Professor in the State University, and officiating at St. Peter's Church, Oxford.

\*Rev. F. W. Damus, Missionary at Diamond Place and Hurricane.

\*Rev. Edward Denniston, Deacon, ministering in Jackson.

Rev. Chas. A. Disbrow.

\*Rev. Frederick Elwell, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Raymond, and of St. Matthew's Church, Clinton.

\*Rev. James A. Fox, residence, Bovina, Warren county.

Rev. James S. Greene, (P. O., Malcolm, Jefferson county.)

\*Rev. Benj. Halsted, Rector of Calvary Church, Holmes county, (P. O., Lexington.)

Rev. Samuel J. Hayward, Deacon.

Rev. Thos. B. Lawson, Rector of St. John's Church, Pontotoc, and of Grace Church, Okolona, (P. O., Okolona.)

\*Rev. Wm. W. Lord, Rector of Christ Church, Vicksburg.

\*Rev. Andrew Matthews, Rector of Church of the Ascension, Hernando.

\*Rev. Benj. M. Miller, Rector of Christ Church, Church Hill.

Rev. Thos. S. W. Mott.

\*Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne, Rector of St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood, (P. O., Thomaston, Leake county.)

\*Rev. Isaac Pardee, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodville.

Rev. A. Burton Peabody, Deacon, Missionary in Carroll county, (P. O., Carrollton.)

\*Rev. James Philson, ministering on Deer Creek, (P. O., Greenville.)

\*Rev. James W. Rogers, Rector of St. Thomas' Hall, Holly Springs, and officiating at St. John's Church, Early Grove.

\*Rev. Henry Sansom, Rector of Grace Church, Canton, and of the Chapel of the Cross, Madison county.

\*Rev. Thos. S. Savage, M. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Pas Christian.

\*Rev. W. Parker Scott.

Rev. Robert D. Shirdler, (P. O., Brandon.)

\*Rev. George W. Sill, Rector of Christ Church, Holly Springs.

Rev. Joshua Sweet.

\*Rev. R. Heber Weller, Rector of Epiphany Church, Claiborne county, (P. O., Burtonton, Copiah county.)

### Clergy not Entitled to Seats in the Convention of 1856.

Rev. A. P. Merrill.

Rev. R. H. Ranney.

\*Rev. Charles Reighley, President of Jefferson College, (P. O., Washington, Adams county.)

Rev. Wm. C. Stout, (P. O., North Mt. Pleasant, Marshall county.)

Rev. Charles W. Whittall, Missionary at Biloxi and adjoining places.

### Candidates for Holy Orders.

\*Mr. George Stewart,

Mr. Wm. Clark,

Mr. Thos. B. Bailey,

Mr. M. Leander Weller.

## A LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

### Entitled to Seats in the Diocesan Convention of 1856.

[Those, whose names are marked with an asterisk, attended the sittings of the Convention.]

#### TRINITY CHURCH,.....NATCHEZ.

##### *Delegates.*

Hon. Edward Turner,

John T. McMurran,

\*Giles M. Hillyer,

##### *Alternates.*

John T. Butler,

\*Joseph D. Shields,

R. Willis Knickerbocker.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,.....WOODVILLE.

##### *Delegates.*

\*John P. Dillingham,

Joseph Johnson,

Cato C. West.

#### CHRIST CHURCH,.....CHURCH HILL.

##### *Delegates.*

\*Jas. S. Johnston,

\*Thos. R. Shields,

Robert Cox,

##### *Alternates.*

Jas. H. Blanchard,

F. B. Coleman,

Wm. M. Cox.

#### CHRIST CHURCH,.....VICKSBURG.

##### *Delegates.*

\*Wm. C. Smedes,

\*Benj. S. Tappan,

\*D. T. Bigelow.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH,.....RAYMOND.

*Delegates.*

W. Halamith,  
T. L. Peyton, M. D.,  
Geo. Latimore, M. D.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,.....JACKSON.

*Delegates.*

\*Geo. S. Yenger,  
\*Thos. Palmer,  
\*Wm. Hardeman.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY,.....CLAIDORNE COUNTY.

*Delegates.*

\*W. H. McCardle,  
\*C. R. Byrnes,  
E. H. McCaleb.

GRACE CHURCH,.....CANTON.

*Delegate.*

\*Wm. S. Bailey.

ST. PHILLIP'S CHURCH,.....KIRKWOOD.

*Delegates.*

Col. Wm. McWillie,  
\*Wm. Hemingway, M. D.,  
T. S. Auderson.

TRINITY CHURCH,.....PAS CHRISTIAN.

*Delegates.*

Thomas Kershaw,  
Wm. B. Lightfoot,  
Geo. N. Smith, M. D.

CALVARY CHURCH,.....HOLMES COUNTY.

*Delegates.*

J. T. Meade,  
R. B. Eggleston,  
T. P. Eggleston.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,.....EARLY GROVE.

*Delegates.*

John B. Connelly,  
\*John A. Parr.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL,.....ANNADALE.

*Delegates.*

\*Martin W. Ewing,  
\*Robert W. Ewing,  
Jonathan A. Wainwright, M. D.





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CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG,  
FRIDAY PRECEDING FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, }  
April 25, 1856.

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, the Right Reverend WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, called the Convention to order at half-past ten o'clock, A. M., and opened it with prayer.

The roll of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, as furnished by the Bishop, was then called by the Secretary of the last Convention, and the following Clergy were found to be present:

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D. D.	
Rev. Frederick Elwell,	Rev. Isaac Pardee,
Rev. W. W. Lord,	Rev. Henry Sansom,
Rev. Andrew Matthews,	Rev. W. Parker Scott.

Credentials of Lay Delegates were then laid upon the Secretary's table, and referred to the Rev. Isaac Pardee, and Messrs. Jas. S. Johnston and Benj. S. Tappan, who, after a brief recess, reported the same as substantially correct.

Whereupon, the Report having been received, the list of names was called, and the following Lay Delegates appeared and took their seats:

*Trinity Church, Natches*—Giles M. Hillyer, Joseph D. Shields.

*Christ Church, Vicksburg*—Benj. S. Tappan, Wm. C. Smedes, D. T. Bigelow.

*Christ Church, Church Hill*—James S. Johnston.

*St. Paul's Church, Woodville*—John. P. Dillingham.

A constitutional quorum of the Clergy and Lay Delegates being ascertained to be present, the Bishop of the Diocese declared the Convention duly constituted, and ready to proceed to business.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until after Divine service.

Divine service was celebrated at 11½ o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. Henry Sansom, Rector of Grace Church, Canton, read the morning service, assisted by the Rev. W. Parker Scott; and the Rev. Mr. Scott preached from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians; v. chap., 25th verse: "Brethren, pray for us."

After Divine service, the Convention was again called to order by the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of the Diocese.

Upon calling the roll of Clergy, there were found to be present, as before, with the addition of the following:

Rev. Jas. A. Fox,	Rev. Jas. W. Rogers,
Rev. Benj. Halsted,	Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne,
Rev. Benj. M. Miller,	Rev. James Philson.

An additional report was presented from the Committee on Credentials, which was, also, received; and the list of Lay Delegates reported being again called, the following, also, appeared and took their seats:

*St. Andrew's Church, Jackson*—Thos. Palmer, Wm. Hardeman.

*St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood*—Wm. Hemingway, M. D.

*Grace Church, Canton*—Wm. S. Bailey.

*St. John's Church, Early Grove*—John A. Parr.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Clergymen of the Diocese not entitled to seats; also, Clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to honorary seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution, the Rev. Charles Reighley, of the Diocese of Illinois, and Mr. Geo. Stewart, a candidate for Holy Orders, attended the sittings of the Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Secretary and Treasurer; when, the taking of the ballot being by a unanimous vote dispensed with, Giles M. Hillyer was unanimously re-elected to said offices.

On motion, the rules of order adopted by the last Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi, were adopted for the present one, viz:

### **RULES OF ORDER.**

- 1.—The Convention shall be opened with prayer by the Bishop on the morning of every day during the session.
- 2.—When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the Chair.
- 3.—No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

- 4.—When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
- 5.—No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convention.
- 6.—While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.
7. Every member, who shall be in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the discussion.
8. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.
9. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it—and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay upon the table and to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.
- 10.—All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.
11. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.
- 12.—The names of the movers of resolutions shall not appear upon the Minutes of this Convention.
- 13.—The Reports of all Committees shall be in writing, and shall be received, of course, and without motion, unless re-committed by vote of the Convention. All Reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the Convention, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Convention therein.
- 14.—If the question under debate contain several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately, except that a motion to strike out and insert, shall be indivisible.
- 15.—All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without debate; but any member may appeal from such decision; and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once, without express leave of the Convention.
- 16.—All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after amendment to such second amendment, shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be received under color of a substitute.

The Right Reverend, the President of the Convention, announced the appointment of the following gentlemen upon the Standing Committees:

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Credentials*—Rev. Mr. Isaac Pardee, and Messrs. Jas. S. Johnston and Benj. S. Tappan.

*On Admission of New Congregations*—Rev. Messrs. W. Parker Scott and Frederick Elwell.

*On the State of the Church*—Rev. Messrs. Jas. A. Fox, Wm. Halsted, Benj. M. Miller, Henry Sansom and Jas. Philson.

*On Finance*—Messrs. W. C. Smedes, Jas. S. Johnston, Jos. D. Shields, John P. Dillingham and Wm. Hardeman.

*On Constitution and Canons*—Messrs. John P. Dillingham, Wm. S. Bailey, Geo. S. Yerger, Giles M. Hillyer and Thos. Palmer.

*On Diocesan Schools*—Rev. Messrs. Benj. M. Miller, Andrew Matthews, Jas. A. Fox, Thos. D. Ozanne and Geo. W. Sill.

*On Unfinished Business*—Messrs. Wm. Hemingway and D. T. Bigelow.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Divine Service was celebrated on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Edward Denniston, of Jackson, read the Evening Service, assisted by the Rev. R. H. Weller, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany; and the Rev. Frederick Elwell, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Raymond, preached from the Epistle to the Romans, iv. chapter, 4th and 5th verses: "Now to him that worketh, is the reward not reckoned of grace but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

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### CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG, } SATURDAY, April 26, 1856. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, at 8 o'clock A. M., and was opened with prayer by the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The roll was again called, and there were found, of the Clergy, present as on yesterday, with the addition of

Rev. F. W. Damus,  
Rev. Edward Denniston,

Rev. Thos. S. Savage,  
Rev. R. Heber Weller.

Also, of the Lay Delegates, present as on yesterday, with the addition of Mr. Thos. R. Shields, Lay Delegate from *Christ Church, Church Hill*.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials reported an additional list of Lay Delegates, as correct, which report was received and agreed to.

And the list being called, the following appeared and took their seats:

*Epiphany Church, Claiborne Co.*—W. H. McCardle, C. R. Byrnes.  
*St. John's Chapel, Annadale*—Martin W. Ewing.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, laid on the table of the Convention, the minutes of the proceedings of that Committee for the past year.

The Secretary of the Convention then read Parochial Reports from several of the Parishes, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, then read his Journal and Address:

## BISHOP'S JOURNAL AND ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY—God's sparing mercy once more permits us to assemble in His name, and to consult for the good of His Church. Whilst *we* have been spared, hundreds have fallen throughout the length and breadth of our Zion, who were no less earnestly engaged for Christ than ourselves. Why we have been spared is, that we may redouble our diligence, and win a brighter crown.

I know not how you all feel, brethren, on the occasion of these, our Annual Conventions; but to your Bishop, they always seem as a lesser Judgment day, or a season in which, whilst accounting before the Church the labors of the year, we should strictly judge ourselves in anticipation of our final settlement with God. Under this solemn feeling I now, as in duty bound, lay before you a statement of my poor labors for the last Conventional year.

*May 19, 1855.*—During the Session of the Convention, I confirmed *three* persons.

*May 26.*—In St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, confirmed *one* person.

*Sunday, 27.*—Assisted in the services of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

*Monday, 28.*—Visited Mt. Alban and preached to a small congregation in the Baptist Church. In the evening baptised *one* adult.

*Wednesday, 30.*—Preached at Oakland Church, in the neighborhood of Rev. Mr. Fox.

*Sunday, June 3.*—Being Trinity Sunday, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, and administered the Holy Communion, being assisted by Rev. Mr. Denniston. In the afternoon, baptized, at my own residence, *six* colored children, after making an address to their parents on the nature and obligations of the rite. On this occasion I rejoiced not only in the privilege of dedicating to God these little bond-servants whom he had entrusted to me, but also of standing surety for them in those solemn engagements imposed upon them by that Sacrament. In this holy suretyship I was joined by her, to whom, equally with myself, is committed the spiritual, as well as temporal welfare of these little dependants.

*Monday, June 4.*—Went to Vicksburg and confirmed *two* persons.

*Thursday, 7.*—Gave Letters Dimissory to Rev. Wm. Clotworthy, transferring him to the Ecclesiastical authority of the Bishop of Down, Connor and Dromore, Ireland.

*Friday, 8.*—Set out on a visitation to the Gulf Coast and intermediate places. Reached Gallatin that evening, where I remained four days, doing all in my power, by visiting and otherwise, to make the people acquainted with the Evangelical doctrine and Apostolic Orders of our Church. I was joined on Saturday evening by the Rev. Mr. Presbury, who has for nearly two years officiated at this place once a month. On Sunday the 10th, I preached in the forenoon, in a neat little Church recently erected by a zealous Christian for the use of all denominations. Mr. Presbury officiated at night. On the former occasion, three adults and three children were baptized by Mr. Presbury; and on the latter, *four* persons were confirmed. The next day Mr. Presbury returned home. I again preached on Monday and Tuesday evenings. There is no religious organization of any kind in this place. A fair proportion of the village and neighborhood are desirous of Church services. A little more nursing care would, with God's blessing, rear up a prosperous little congregation in this region.

*Wednesday, 13.*—By the kindness of Mr. E. B. Taylor, who also accompanied me, I passed over to Monticello, thirty miles distant. This was my first acquaintance with this place, but I had, for more than a year, been desirous of visiting it, knowing, as I did, that it contained a few devoted friends of the Church. I spent four days here, as in Gallatin, making the acquaintance of the worthy citizens, and officiating publicly, as often as occasion offered itself. I preached on Thursday evening, Saturday evening, and on Sunday forenoon. On the latter occasion, *two* persons were confirmed. *One* of them was re-baptized, or rather, received the baptism of the Church, previous to her confirmation. I have to acknowledge much kind attention at the hands of this people. As the best possible return which I can make, I will do all in my power to afford them the opportunity of enjoying the worship and ministrations of our Church. A Clergyman, unen-

cumbered with a family, and willing to labor for Christ, out of the glare of the world, but amidst a worthy and kind-hearted people, would find between this place and Gallatin, enough to employ his hands, as well as to supply his reasonable wants.

*Monday, 18.*—I rode thirty miles to Holmesville, the seat of justice of Pike county, and preached that night in the Baptist Church kindly tendered for the occasion. This was the first time that a minister of our Church, of any degree, had visited this place.

*Tuesday, 19.*—Reached Osyka, the present termination of the New Orleans and Ohio Railroad. As I afterwards learned, there are here two or three Church families lately removed from Louisiana. Had I known it at the time, I would gladly have employed my three hours stay in visiting them. In the afternoon I took the railroad for New Orleans on my way to the Gulf Coast.

*Thursday, 21.*—Arrived at Pas Christian, and remained until the following Monday evening, preaching and visiting from house to house. The services were well attended on Sunday; but I was grieved to see that no candidates offered themselves for confirmation. In the afternoon I preached to a large and attentive congregation of colored people.

The school of the Rector is in a highly and deservedly prosperous condition; so much so as to make it expedient in his view, as well as that of the congregation, that the charge of the Parish should be placed in the hands of some one at liberty to give it an undivided attention.

On Monday afternoon (the 25th) I baptized, in private, *two* children not belonging to the Parish. One of them was of too tender an age to be carried to the Church.

*Tuesday and Wednesday, 26, 27.*—Were spent in Shieldsborough, (or Bay of St. Louis.) After visiting all the friends of the Church, I preached on Wednesday at 11 o'clock, A. M., in a room that had, until very lately, been used as a confectionery and oyster house. The proprietor not only kindly granted the use of it, but helped to put it in such order as to make it a very pleasant and commodious place of assembling. The house was well filled, and the congregation seriously attentive. I was assisted in the services by the Rev. O. F. Rottenstein, of the Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans. At the close of the services, I received *two* children into the fold of Christ by baptism. The friends of the Church are few in number at this place. Indeed there are here but few Protestants of any name. The town was originally settled by French Romanists, who still constitute the far larger portion of its population. I left with our friends the encouraging assurance that I would very soon send them a Clergyman who would give them a third or fourth of his labors.

My next visit was to Mississippi City and Handsborough. At the latter place I preached on *Friday, the 29th*. A part of that day and the next was spent in visiting a few families in those places, and along



the Coast. Every year witnesses the coming of more and more families from the neighboring cities and up-country, to make this either a place of sojourn for the summer, or a permanent residence. Among them are some already in connexion with the Church, as well as others kindly disposed to its interests. And as this number is annually increasing, it becomes a matter of duty to supply them as well as may be, with the ministrations of the Church. To this end, the Rev. Charles Whitall, late of New Orleans, has just been engaged to take under his charge this place, together with Shieldsborough and Biloxi. He will enter upon his duties within a few days. I here thankfully acknowledge the gift of a very handsome Church lot, at the hands of Dr. Wm. H. Teagarden. It lies immediately on the bay, and will afford sufficient room for a Rectory when needed. It is not more than three hundred yards from the Court-house, and but little farther and equidistant between the extensive and commodious establishments of Dr. Teagarden and of Mr. Wm. Barnes. A deed was obtained for the ground, and properly executed and recorded. I have since learned that Mr. Barnes has very liberally offered to contribute \$500 towards the erection of a Church.

*Saturday, 30.*—Reached Biloxi in the afternoon, expecting to preach at night, but found that no notice had been given of my coming. Next day, *Sunday, 1st of July*, the rain commenced falling heavily at 6 o'clock, and continued with slight intermissions throughout the day. After almost wading to the place where our services were to be held, I found five persons assembled, three of them boys. During the services four more boys were added to the number. Wishing to adopt the occasion to the edification of such as were present, I used the parts of our Morning Service, most suited to that end, and preached a short unwritten discourse. Being unwilling to disappoint many who I was sure would have been present but for the heavy and repeated showers, I promised, before we closed, to give them further services on Tuesday at 11 A. M. I had made an appointment to officiate this afternoon at Ocean Springs, three miles distant across the mouth of the bay, but was compelled to forego it on account of the wind and rain, which made it unsafe to attempt crossing in an open boat. On Tuesday, *the 3d July*, I preached to a small congregation. That it was not larger in number was owing, as I afterwards ascertained, to the insufficient notice that had been given. On the same evening I baptized, at the residence of my kind hostess, Mrs. Nixon, *two* of her daughters, (adults,) and *two* of her grand-children, (infants.) I found the congregation at this place, in a measure, scattered and disheartened. The death of their first Pastor, the Rev. J. Lloyd Johnson, just as he was entering on his labors, and the want of all ministrations for nearly twelve months, have been very trying to them. It was, therefore, joyful intelligence to them that another Pastor suited to their wants, would soon take them in charge.

*Saturday, July 7.*—I returned home after a little more than four

weeks absence. The next day I assisted the Rector of St. Andrew's in the services of the evening.

*July 9.*—Received from the Bishop of Kentucky the acknowledgment of the receipt of the "Letters Dimissory" of Rev. Fred. W. Boyd.

*July 10.*—I appointed Geo. Stewart Lay Reader at Early Grove.

*July 11.*—Appointed Rev. Sam. J. Hayward, now ministering at Grenada and Coffeeville, to be General Missionary for the Northern section of the Diocese.

*Sunday, 15.*—Preached in the forenoon at Raymond, and at night at Cooper's Well.

*Sunday, 22.*—Preached for the Rev. Mr. Corbyn in the forenoon, and assisted in the services at night.

*Sunday, 22.*—Attended services in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

*Sunday, August 5.*—Preached at Cooper's Well both forenoon and evening.

*Sunday, 12.*—I was, by appointment, to preach at Bolton's Depot, but on reaching the place the day preceding, I found that the interment of an interesting youth, who had died that day, would take place the next morning in the neighborhood, at the hour appointed for my services. I therefore withdrew my appointment, in order to give to all an opportunity of attending the funeral. After promising to make another appointment, at my earliest convenience, I returned home the same evening, and assisted the next day in the Services at St. Andrew's.

*Sunday, 19.*—Officiated again at Cooper's Well, at 11 A. M., to a congregation larger, and more seriously attentive, than usual. At 7½ P. M., I preached in St. Mark's Church, Raymond, and confirmed one person.

*Thursday, 23.*—At the request of Rev. Mr. Corbyn, I confirmed an afflicted member of his flock, and administered to her the Holy Communion.

*Friday, 24.*—Took the stage for Canton, to which place a Convocation of the neighboring Clergy had been called for the three following days. The Rev. Messrs. Corbyn, Weller and Damus, accompanied me. And we were met the next morning by the Rev. Messrs. Halsted, Ozanne and Scott, besides the Rev. Mr. Sanson, Rector of the Parish. There was Divine Service and a Sermon twice on Friday and Saturday, and three times on Sunday. On Saturday two adults were baptized, and five were confirmed on Sunday. It was a gratifying sight to see these persons immediately after professing themselves the servants of Christ, obey with thankfulness, the solemn command: "Do this in remembrance of me."

This assembly of the brethren proved a delightful and encouraging season to both Clergy and Laity. The various services were well attended, notwithstanding the absence from the Parish of several of its families. And the series of discourse delivered were well calculated,

with the blessing of God, to beget a becoming seriousness in every thoughtless and worldly hearer, as well as to confirm the members of Christ's flock in the doctrine and fellowship of the One, Catholic and Apostolic Church. It is truly grateful to me to witness the steady, I might almost say, rapid growth of this Parish under its present judicious and zealous Rector. A comparison of the present condition of this congregation, with what it presented three years ago, would, wherever it is known, read a lesson of encouragement to every one disposed to sink under discouragements, or to "despise the day of small things."

*Sunday, August 2.*—I fulfilled my appointment at Bolton's Depot. Through the kindness of the clerk, the cotton shed had been so prepared by temporary fixtures, as to make it quite a pleasant and comfortable place of worship. I preached, and was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Weller in the services. The congregation was not large, owing to there being two protracted meetings then going on in the neighborhood. A sufficient degree of interest and attention, however, was shown to induce me to make another appointment for that place on the 16th.

*Sunday, 9.*—Assisted the Rector of St. Andrew's in the services of the morning, and in the afternoon preached at a small school-house five miles distant in the country. The congregation, composed equally of whites and blacks, was very attentive and serious. The order of worship was, of necessity, adapted to the occasion, as there were but two persons present prepared to take any part in the services of the day. This was one of those occasions on which, as I conceive, there may be an abridgement and judicious adaptation of the usual order of Public Prayer, without the introduction, however, of any thing extemporaneous, or supposedly more for edification or devotion.

Before leaving the place I promised to preach for them again, as soon as my other engagements would permit.

*Sunday, 16.*—I again officiated at Bolton's Depot. The day was pleasant, and I found, on my arrival, quite a large congregation of blacks, as well as whites, comfortably seated under the cotton shed. The rude extempore seats were covered with clean cotton bagging; and a triple tier of bales at the further end formed a very good sort of gallery for the accommodation of the wandering but attentive blacks. I was again assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Weller; and was pleased to hear a number joining in the responses. Soon after my last visit a subscription was set on foot for building a Church at this place; but I was disappointed at learning that it was contemplated to make it what is called a *Free* or *Union* Church. Places of worship built on this plan, viz: with the view of accommodating all modes of faith, and of uniting different denominations, have seldom, if ever, succeeded in their object. They much more frequently prove a bone of contention, or an occasion of strife in hitherto peaceful neighborhoods; and in the end they fall into decay, and become the resort of four-footed

beasts and creeping things. Much better is it for the various divisions and sects, if they *will* differ so grievously from the Church and from each other, to conduct their respective worships apart, rather than to endanger mutual good feeling by any attempts at union upon false grounds. On Sunday night I baptized, at the house of Dr. Rossman, one of his female slaves, who was drawing near her end, but with every appearance of a willingness to meet her God, upon the ground of His mercy through Jesus Christ.

*Sunday, 28.*—I preached at Oakland Church, a Methodist place of worship in the vicinity of the Rev. Mr. Fox, Warren county. Although there were several denominational places of worship open on that day, within a distance of a few miles, the house was pretty well filled. A large portion were members of Christ Church congregation, Vicksburg, who had sought in that healthy region a refuge from the prevailing epidemic. I was grieved to find that since my last visit, not a single step had been taken by the friends of the Church in this neighborhood, towards erecting for themselves a place of worship. There is abundant ability among them to build forthwith a Church commensurate with their wants. All that is needed, is for some one individual, whether man or woman, to take the thing in hand and resolve that with God's help it shall be done. Alas! how often have many such well-intended enterprises fallen to the ground, or resulted in nothing but vain words and idle wishes, merely for the want of a single noble, unsullied and devoted spirit to begin the work. And how seldom do such spirited beginnings fail to attain their end. If undertaken in God's name, with an humble reliance on His help, and with a single view to His glory, He will work with them. And who can withstand God? All unnecessary delay or backwardness in beginning such works, is so much time withheld from the service of our Master; so much advantage given to those who are laboring against us, and so much opportunity lost in doing something for God.

*Sunday, 30.*—Preached in the College of St. Andrew, being assisted in the services by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Sweet. As this was during the College recess, the congregation was composed chiefly of a few neighboring families, and of others that had fled to this pleasant and healthy retreat from the epidemic.

By an appointment I was to preach at a school-house in the country at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. But when the hour arrived, I was prevented from leaving home by the extreme illness of one of my family.

*Tuesday, October 4.*—This was the day which I had appointed for setting out on my visitation to the Eastern and Northern parts of the Diocese. But the very hour fixed for my departure found me committing "earth to earth" the remains of my son's wife, who was to me, in the affection that I bore her, all that a daughter could possibly be. About the same time it was announced to me that one of my servants was taken down with the fever. Finding that the fearful epi-

dance, which had been so long hovering around us, had at length lighted among my household, I hesitated no longer as to the propriety of remaining with my family until the danger was over-past, or until an Allwise Providence should have worked His will with me and mine. Accordingly, though with great reluctance, I recalled a member of my earlier opponents; hoping, if spared, to be enabled to meet the remaining and larger portion of them.

*October 7 and 14.*—These two Lord's days were spent in the bosom of my family. Being cut off by the prevailing pestilence from attending the worship of God, both at the Parish Church and in the College Chapel, I called my children and servants around me; and in the ever-appropriate instructions and devotions of our Liturgy, we offered to the Lord of the Sabbath, the same sacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving, that we would have given Him in His Temple. The beauty and impressiveness of our Liturgical forms are, perhaps, never seen to more advantage than when thus used by the head of a family beside the domestic altar. Whatever may be wanting of the Organ's swell, the full-toned choir, and the varied and becoming ornaments of the temple, is fully made up, on such occasions, by the conscious presence of that Spirit of love that unites husband and wife, parent and child, master and servant, in the bonds of Christian affection. Would that such worship were more common in those families of our Communion who live at an inconvenient distance from the House of God, or who may be temporarily kept at home by unfavorable weather, or by any one of those occasional domestic hindrances which no prudence or foresight can avoid.

*October 18.*—This was a sad day to my heart. It began by my transferring out of my beloved Clergy, the Rev. Willard Presbury, to a neighboring Diocese; and ended in my committing the body of another (the Rev. A. D. Corbyn) to the grave. In the death of this worthy Presbyter, not a Diocese only, but the whole Church, has cause to mourn. As a sound scholar, an orthodox and well trained theologian, an instructive preacher, and an active and laborious parish minister, his place will not easily be supplied. His bereaved flock, who have from day to day listened to his edifying discourses, and seen him visiting from house to house, will ever hold him in grateful remembrance. And the poor, the sick, and the afflicted, will bless, while they live, the memory of him, who, without waiting to be sent for, sought them out in their distress, ministered to both their bodily and spiritual wants, and in the midst of a fearful pestilence periled, if I might not say, *sacrificed* his life in doing them service. Peace to our brother's ashes! May the God of all grace and consolation "defend and provide for his fatherless children and widow."

*Sunday, 21.*—Spent this day also with my family, leading their devotions, and giving them instruction in accordance with the Church's "Order for Public Prayer."

*Sunday, 28.*—I officiated in St. Andrew's Church. This was the

first time within six weeks that its doors had been opened. During that period the goats had made a shelter of its vestibule, and silence and dampness had reigned within its walls. The congregation was small in number, inasmuch as many families had not returned to the city; all seemed deeply to feel the gloom which the fatal epidemic had thrown around the House of God, as well as the hearths of many of its worshippers. Not only was the Pastor missing from the altar's side, but seven of the flock that were accustomed to come at his call, had gone with him, as we trust, to feed beside the waters of eternal life. Among these victims of the pestilence, and much to be regretted, was Dr. Grey Skipwith, an active member of the vestry.

*Sunday, November 4.*—I again officiated in St. Andrew's Church. The congregation was no larger than on the previous Lord's day, as the fear of the epidemic had not subsided.

*November 6.*—I set out on my Northern visitation.

*November 8.*—After a fatiguing ride of two days and nights, I reached Holly Springs, and spent four days in the Parish. *Saturday 10th*, I preached in Christ Church, assisted in the services by Rev. Messrs. Sill and Rogers.

*Sunday, 11.*—I preached in the forenoon, Messrs. Barnard and Sill assisted in the services, and administered the Holy Communion. At 3 P. M., I made an address to the Sunday School, but had not time to catechize them. At 4, Mr. Barnard preached, and again at 7. On the latter occasion four were confirmed. On Monday afternoon I confirmed two others in private, on account of their inability, from sickness, to get to the Church. Every hour not employed in the Church was spent in going from house to house. The condition of this congregation has continued nearly the same for some time past. Nor will it become what it may be, and ought to be, until it receives the undivided attention of a Rector. A new house of worship is much needed, not so much for the increased accommodation which it would afford, but as an incentive to new and redoubled zeal in a cause which I know is dear to their hearts.

*Monday, 12.*—I visited St. Thomas' Hall; two or three classes examined. I was much gratified at witnessing, with my own eyes, the improved condition of this school, as evinced in the order, as well as the number of the pupils, and in the capability and faithfulness of their instructors.

*Tuesday, 13.*—Rode to St. Andrew's, twelve miles distant, and preached at 11 o'clock. I was here met by the Rev. Mr. Fogg, Rector of the Church, who assisted me in the services. One person was confirmed. I learned, however, from the Rector, that but for unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances, he would have presented five colored persons for that Holy Rite. During that day and the following, I visited nearly all the families of the Parish. One of them I was grieved to find shrouded in mourning for its worthy head. Since my last visit Mr. William Baird, long an active and useful member of the

vestry, has been called from his earthly labors to his reward in Christ. This Parish is not improving. It has just lost, by removal, one of its principal families, and is threatened with the loss of others.

*Thursday, 15.*—Preached at Lamar, in the Presbyterian Church, which had been kindly tendered for the purpose. The congregation was respectable, both in number and character. Many of them heard our services for the first time. Rev. Mr. Fogg took a part of the services; and we were assisted in the responses by several members of the Church of St. Andrew. Preached at Early Grove that night.

*Friday, 16.*—Rode ten miles in the rain to Mount Pleasant, and preached at 11 o'clock in the Methodist place of worship, to a congregation rendered very small by the inclemency of the weather. I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Stout; resides in the neighborhood, and occasionally officiates at this place.

*Saturday, 17.*—Returned to "Early Grove," and preached at 11 o'clock, assisted by Mr. Stout.

*Sunday, 18.*—Messrs. Rogers and Stout led the worship of the congregation, and I preached, confirmed *eight* persons, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I preached to the colored part of the congregation, and confirmed *seven* of their number. At night I preached again to a congregation singularly large, considering that almost every one present lived from one to five miles distant. The same deep attention and lively interest so apparent on my last visit, was manifested on this occasion, and kept up to the end. The fifteen confirmed this day, added to the eleven who thus confessed Christ at my last visitation, make up twenty-six, who, in this small rural congregation have, within less than a year, given themselves to God's service. Mr. Rogers officiates acceptably to this people on every alternate Lord's day, and gives to them as much time as he can consistently spare from his duties at St. Thomas' Hall. The intervals between the services were spent in visiting. One or two families only were necessarily omitted.

*November 20.*—Spent this day at La Grange, Tenn., with some very dear friends and parishioners of my early ministry in North Carolina. At night I preached, assisted by the Rector of the Church, the Rev. Mr. Fogg.

*November 21.*—Passed over to Somerville, twenty miles distant, to visit other friends and connexions of my earlier life. I was to have preached at night, but some mistake in making the appointment, induced me to decline it.

*November 22.*—Spent this day at Memphis in delightful communion with my Rt. Rev. Bro. Otey.

*November 23.*—Reached Hernando, and preached next day (24th) to a congregation, both larger in number and more interested than usual.

*Sunday, 25.*—Preached again, assisted as on the preceding day, by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Matthews, confirmed *seven* persons, and ad-

ministered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I baptized *one* infant in private. I was truly thankful to the Giver of all Grace for seeing, as I did on this occasion, an awakened interest in the congregation, on the subject of their spiritual duties. For a long time no fruit has appeared to cheer and bless the unrequited labors of the Rector of this Parish. God grant that the present awakening may be the earnest of a plentiful harvest.

*Monday, 26.*—Accompanied by Mr. Matthews, I rode eight miles to visit a Church family, which, owing to distance and bad roads, but seldom enjoyed the presence of God's ministers, or the worship of his house.

*Tuesday, 27.*—Preached at the residence of Mr. Wilson O. Newsom, in De Soto county, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Mr. Matthews. It is to be lamented that a family so large, and so warmly attached to the Church, should, by the circumstances of their location, be cut off almost altogether from her ministrations.

*Wednesday, 28.*—Rode to Sledgeville, twenty-five miles distant, in Panola county, and preached next day in the Methodist Church, which had been kindly offered for the purpose. I was here joined by the Rev. Mr. Hayward, our itinerant Missionary in this and several adjoining counties. His health, I was grieved to find, had sensibly failed since I last saw him. He was, however, on this, as on several subsequent occasions, enabled to take some part in leading the worship of the congregation. This is a fair portion of our State, and occupied by a wealthy and intelligent people. There are but two or three families in the neighborhood connected with the Church, but I have no doubt that if her standard were once planted in this region many friends would rally around it. I do not base this expectation so much upon any marked favor or preference already shown for our services, as upon the acknowledged power of the Church to commend herself, when known, to the hearts and judgments of any liberal-minded people. On the part of several individuals a strong desire was expressed for her ministrations, and a promise made of a becoming remuneration to a Missionary for a fourth of his time. Before I left, I baptized *one* adult and *two* of the children of Mr. Sledge.

On my way to Oxford, I called upon several families, among whom was a Communicant recently from St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

The following Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, (*Dec. 1st, 2d and 3d,*) were spent in Oxford, where I was joined by Rev. Messrs. Sill and Lawson. Our services commenced on Saturday night in the Baptist Church, kindly offered to us. Rev. Mr. Lawson preached, Messrs. Barnard and Hayward, conducting the services.

The next day (Sunday, 2d) being the time appointed for the admission of Rev. Mr. Barnard to Priest's Orders, the sermon was preached by me, and the services conducted by Messrs. Sill, Lawson and Hayward. The candidate was presented by Rev. Mr. Sill, one of his examiners, who, also, together with Mr. Lawson, joined in the lay-



ing on of hands. The Holy Communion was afterwards administered. At night Mr. Sill preached, and confirmation was administered to one person, a student of the University. I was no little impressed on seeing this youth, without solicitation, but as I had reason to believe, not without a due appreciation of the act, thus coming forward in the view of his fellow students, and taking upon him the vow of obedience to God. May that God be his Father, and the guide of his youth! On Monday morning I baptized an adult in private; and spent that day as I had the preceding Saturday, in visiting the friends of the Church in the village and neighborhood.

*Wednesday, December 5.*—Preached at Belmont, in the Female Academy, to a very small congregation, assisted by Mr. Hayward. Very little notice had been given of our coming. There are one or two friends of the Church in this place. And others, I doubt not, would soon be raised up, if the ministrations of the Church could be extended to them even once in the month. After giving away a few tracts and Prayer Books, we rode that evening to the house of Major P. F. Armistead, a venerable son of the Church from Virginia, who, though for many years cut off, by his location, from her services, retained in full vigor his attachments to her doctrine and fellowship and ritual, and who seemed to be made young again at the prospect of having her holy ministrations once more brought within his reach. In the spirit of a true Churchman, he called around him all his servants in the evening, and begged me to speak to them in the name of his Master and mine. This I did, as I was enabled, and was truly gratified at the earnest attention with which my words were received.

*Thursday, 6.*—Preached in the Methodist place of worship, in the town of Panola, at 11 o'clock, and again at 7 P. M., assisted by Mr. Hayward.

The Church has "a few names" in this place and neighborhood; and they seem animated with an earnest desire to obtain her ministrations. As they appeared willing and ready to do all in their power to that end, I encouraged them with the hope of soon seeing a Missionary among them. Before I left I baptized *two* adults and three infants, and distributed a number of Prayer Books and Tracts.

The next evening we reached the house of a worthy couple who, under a long and sore privation, have retained, in much of its first fervor, their devotion to the Church.

*Saturday, 8.*—Preached at 11 o'clock in the Bethel Meeting House, a place of worship of the Methodists, two miles distant. The congregation, though not large, was respectful and attentive. This was, with a number of them, their first acquaintance with either our ministry or worship.

In the afternoon we reached Charleston, the Seat of Justice of Tallahatchie county. The next day, (*Sunday 6th*), assisted by Mr. Hayward, I preached in the Court-house both at 11 and 7 P. M., and again on Monday morning. The congregations were large on each

occasion, and seemed duly impressed with the solemn and edifying character of our services. The citizens of this place and neighborhood are not entire strangers to the Church. Some ten or twelve years ago the Rev. Mr. Pinching was sent as a Missionary into this region. For several years he struggled against the difficulties of his position, and in good part maintained his family by the labor of his own hands. He was, I am told, an artless and humble man, of great simplicity and purity of character; and as such has left a "sweet remembrance" behind him. His arduous labors both physical and mental, together with the enfeebling effects of a Southern sun, proved too much even for his manly frame, and hurried him to an early grave. The friends of the Church in this place, though few in number, are willing, in conjunction with Panola, to give support, as well as employment, to a Missionary.

*Tuesday, 11.*—Assisted by Mr. Hayward, I preached in Coffeeville. In the afternoon I baptized *one* infant. The Church families in this place are few in number, but strongly and understandingly attached to her. I have been grieved to learn, that since I was with them, the excellent and pious mother of one of these families, has passed from this world of trials.

*Wednesday, 12.*—Preached at Brook's Chapel, half way between Coffeeville and Grenada. Although the friends of the Church in this neighborhood are few in number, they are more blessed, than in many other places, with ability to set forward and maintain her ministrations and worship. Had Mr. Hayward's health permitted him to remain with them, as at the commencement of his Mission, something to that end would probably have been done by this time.

*Friday, 14.*—Rode to Grenada, and preached at night in the Methodist Church, kindly offered for the occasion. There is in this place, as I have stated on previous occasions, abundant material that may be worked up into a respectable congregation of the Church. But from the want of one single man bold enough to come forward and take the thing in hand, no beginning has, as yet, been fairly made; nor did the efforts of the Missionary, lately sent among them, meet with the attention or encouragement which they deserved. The large schools which are in successful operation in this place, give to it an interest and importance seldom possessed by one of its size.

*Saturday, 15.*—Rode twelve miles to Capt. Binford's, and preached in a Baptist place of worship, at Duck Hill. The congregation was rendered small by the heavy rain which had fallen the preceding day. In this neighborhood there are two or three firm friends of the Church, who are desirous of securing the services of a Missionary, if it be for no more than one Sunday in the month.

*Sunday, 16.*—Reached Middleton just in time for the appointed service, and found quite a respectable number assembled, notwithstanding the unpleasantness of the day. The few individuals in this region who prefer our services, are very desirous of sharing in the

labors of a Missionary. The next day was spent in the neighborhood as a day of rest, under the roof of a very dear friend and former parishioner, whom I have before had occasion to mention. Under trials truly grievous to both flesh and spirit, she has borne up like a true daughter of the Church, and during a long, long privation of its services, has retained, undiminished, her love for its ministry and ordinances. In the presence of a number of her neighbors and friends, I was pleased to give her, that day, the baptism of the Church, she, for many years, having vainly endeavored to content herself with a previous denominational baptism.

*Tuesday, 19.*—Rode twelve miles to Carrollton; preached at night in the Presbyterian Church, baptized *one* adult and *one* infant, and confirmed *three* persons. Spent the following day in visiting such individuals and families as were interested in the Church. Finding rather more than I expected desirous of the services of a Missionary, I promised to send them one as soon as possible.

*Wednesday, 20.*—Preached in Black Hawk at 11 A. M., assisted by Mr. Hayward, and Rev. Mr. Halsted, who there met us. After visiting a few families, I passed on to the Parish of Calvary, where I hoped to meet a number of the Clergy in Convocation, and for the consecration of the Church. The Rev. Messrs. Lawson and Weller were the only members of the Convocation, I regret to say, that attended on this interesting occasion. The next day (Friday, 21st.) being a day of incessant rain, no services were held in the Church. On *Saturday 22d*, the Church was duly consecrated to the worship and service of Almighty God. The sermon was preached by me; and the various parts of the service were distributed among the Clergy present. The request, from the vestry, to consecrate the building, was read by the Rector, and the act of consecration by Rev. Mr. Lawson. The congregation, though not large, was very serious, and apparently much impressed by the services of the day.

After a recess of two hours, during which a plentiful repast was furnished for the whole congregation at the Rectory, the Church was again opened. The prayers were led by Messrs. Sansom and Hayward, and a sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Weller.

*Sunday, 23.*—A full congregation was in attendance. The services of prayer and thanksgiving, and of reading God's word, were performed by Messrs. Weller, Hayward and myself, and a discourse, appropriate to the occasion, delivered by Mr. Sansom. *Three* persons were confirmed, and the Holy Communion administered. The three individuals who thus openly confessed Christ before the world, were young men, members of two of the principal families of the congregation, and who, from their position and connexion, may exercise a happy influence upon others, and upon the general prosperity of the Parish. May God keep them faithful and make them strong to labor in his cause.

I am the more constrained, brethren, to call to your notice, what was

done on this occasion, because in one of its features, it is unfortunately of so rare an occurrence. To see from time to time the wives and daughters of our people dedicating themselves to God's service, is a sight which not unfrequently blesses our eyes. But alas! the fathers and brothers, and sons amongst us, too generally keep aloof from this noble and manly service. Whenever, therefore, we behold, as in this instance, three young men spurning all consideration of a false pride and shame, and taking the vow of God upon their souls, we cannot but rejoice over them, and wish them "God speed," from the bottom of our hearts.

Having an appointment for that evening at Lexington, thirteen miles distant, I was constrained to leave the brethren after the recess, before the services of the day were at an end.

I was truly thankful on this visit, to see the pious and unwearied labors of this little flock consummated and rewarded in the final completion and consecration of their Church. A new vestry room has been built, and the Church has undergone many improvements, especially in its Chancel arrangements, since my last visitation. The Rectory also has been enlarged and made comfortable to its occupants. All this has been the result of God's blessing on the joint labors of a small, but willing people, and of a Rector not ashamed, where occasion offered, to work even with his own hands.

I reached Lexington just in time to meet my appointment. Owing to the unusual severity of the weather, the congregation was small, but very attentive. I was sorry to learn that Mr. Halsted has met with so little encouragement in this place, as to make him think of discontinuing his monthly visits. At 10 o'clock that night, I took the stage for home, where I arrived safely the next night at 9 o'clock.

The next day (Christmas) I spent in St. Andrew's Church, and administered the Holy Communion, being assisted by Rev. F. Elwell and the Rev. Ed. Denniston, Deacon, in temporary charge of the Church.

*Sunday, 30.*—Attended services in St. Andrew's Church, and read the Ante-Communion service. Mr. Elwell preached, and Mr. Denniston led the prayers. In the afternoon I attended Divine Service in the College Chapel, and heard a sermon from Rev. Mr. Peabody.

*Friday, 15.*—Preached at Col. M. W. Ewing's, thirty miles below Yazoo City. The congregation was small, and composed chiefly of the slaves of Col. Ewing. Two colored children were baptized, and the Holy Communion administered. A very neat and well finished Chapel has been erected by Col. Ewing, and weekly services have been regularly maintained by the Lay Reader, whom I appointed at the last Convention.

I here take pleasure in stating that since his appointment, Dr. Wainwright has devoted himself assiduously and conscientiously to the discharge of his duties. He has, with one exception, (owing to the inclemency of the weather,) officiated regularly every Sunday morning, reading the full services of the Church, and a selected sermon, and

in the afternoon superintending the Sunday School, composed mostly of the negro children, with some of the adults of the plantation. And I am happy to learn that the result of his disinterested labors, is a manifest improvement in the moral and religious condition of his charge.

*Sunday, 17.*—Reached Yazoo City before daylight. Preached that day both in the forenoon and at night, assisted by the Rector, and confirmed *threes*.

*Monday, 18.*—Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Scott, visited the plantation of Mr. Geo. S. Yerger. My visit was unexpected, but in less than an hour, through the kind and prompt assistance of the overseer, the servants were called in from the field, and assembled in the rustic chapel which their master has erected for their benefit.

Mr. Scott conducted the devotions of the occasion, and I preached. This is the only visit which I have paid to the place without confirming a considerable number of the blacks. That there were no candidates for that rite, on this occasion, was, no doubt, to be attributed to the necessity which Mr. Scott their former instructor, has, for some time, felt himself under, of devoting the whole of his attention to Yazoo City.

The remainder of that day, together with the following, was spent in going from house to house, among the families of the congregation. I regret to state that this Parish is again left vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Scott.

*Thursday, 21.*—Passed through Grand Gulf on my way to Epiphany Parish, where I spent the next three days. Here, again, I was pained to find that my coming was altogether unlooked for. The two letters which I had written to Rev. Mr. Weller, the present Rector, had not reached him, in consequence of his having adopted a different post-office from that of his predecessor.

*Sunday, 24.*—I preached to a small congregation, but held neither Confirmation nor Communion. I was pleased to learn that the Rev. Mr. Weller had been cordially received by the congregation, and that the obstacles which presented themselves on his first arrival, had been peacefully removed.

After visiting nearly all the families of the Parish, I returned, on Tuesday the 26th, to Grand Gulf, and preached the following evening to a pretty large and very attentive congregation.

I was sorry to find them without a Pastor, but at the same time rejoiced to learn that the fearless and faithful labors of the Rev. Jno. Philson, extended to all, without distinction of color, sect, or station, during the late fatal epidemic, had not only doubly endeared him to the hearts of this zealous little flock, but had won for the Church a corresponding character for a self-sacrificing, and undistinguishing charity.

As I had occasion to pass through Port Gibson more than once, I

visited several families, but did not preach. On Friday evening, 22d, I baptized, in that place, *one* infant.

*March 1, 2, 3.*—Were spent in Christ Church Parish, Jefferson county. There were no services on Saturday, on account of the heavy and unceasing fall of rain. On *Sunday, 2d*, I preached to a large and interested congregation in the forenoon, and confirmed *four* persons. A still larger assembly, but of blacks, met me in the afternoon, to whom I again preached, being assisted, as in the former part of the day, by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Miller. The Church was again opened on Monday, when I again preached. On this latter occasion, *four* of these slaves become also the willing servants of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I was prevented by the rain, and by the repeated services, from performing my usual amount of visiting, to the various families of the congregation.

Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Miller, I passed over to Washington on Tuesday. On my way I was much grieved to hear of the unexpected decease of a venerable Mother in Israel, Mrs. Margaret Smith. Being herself of an honored name, she had gone through a long life, not only without reproach, but with the praise and blessing of all who knew her. Dearly loved was this Mother in Israel, for her humble devotion to God, and her kindness and her liberality to all within her reach. I was present at her burial the following day, and felt it a privilege to mingle my sorrowing with that of the many relatives and friends that wept beside her grave.

*Wednesday, 27.*—Was spent in Washington, but I did not preach, as no appointment had been made for me. I, however, visited all the families of the Church.

The next six days were devoted to the visitation of Trinity Church, Natchez, in which I was accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Reighley, who is in temporary charge of the Parish. I was pleased, also, to meet here with the Rev. Mr. Pardee, from Woodville.

On Sunday, March 9th, after addressing the children of the Sunday School, I preached in the forenoon, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Pardee and Reighley, and administered Confirmation to *five* persons. *One* other, who was unavoidably kept from the house of God, had received this holy rite at her own dwelling, before the hour of service.

The Rev. Mr. Pardee preached in the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Reighley assisting in the prayers.

I found this congregation in rather a depressed condition. The unavoidable absences, and the recent resignation of their excellent Rector, together with the remembrance of the ravages of the last epidemic, had a good deal disheartened them. It was no small gratification to me, as to the whole congregation, to see in his former seat one who had ever been foremost in labor for the Parish, and had never shrunk from any duty that the Church was pleased to put upon him. Such a layman is, indeed, a blessing to a congregation.

*Tuesday, 11.*—Passed down into the Second Creek neighborhood,

where several families of the Church reside, and who worship at the Church in Natches as opportunity will permit. I had been invited, and gladly consented, to officiate, in passing, at the Parish Chapel of Mr. Wm. N. Mercer, and to baptize some forty or fifty of the children of his servants. But on the day appointed, a cold rain continued to fall from morning to night, and prevented our assembling within the Chapel. That the occasion might not pass unimproved, I proposed that our intended services should be held in the parlor. There were but few, both of whites and blacks, present, but to all it was an hour of real enjoyment. After preaching a sermon on the practical duties of the Christian, I baptized *two* colored children of the household servants. This is a point of considerable importance, on account of the number of blacks belonging to it. I trust that it will not be long before a judicious and zealous man of God is settled in charge of them.

*Thursday, 18.*—I reached Woodville after visiting several of the families of the Parish by the way. The next morning I preached to a small congregation, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Pardee. The remainder of that day and the next were spent in passing from house to house, among such families of the congregation as were within my reach. On Sunday forenoon I again preached to a pretty full congregation, Mr. Pardee leading the prayers, and baptizing one adult. Various causes have combined to keep this congregation at a stand for some time past, but I have reason to hope that under the future and uninterrupted labors of its faithful and conscientious Rector, it will soon attain to a prosperous condition.

My next appointment was at the Hurricane, the residence of Mr. Jos. E. Davis, two hundred miles up the river. I was, however, much disappointed in not reaching the place in time, having placed an undue reliance on the arrival of steam boats.

*Thursday, 20.*—I reached "Diamond Place," the residence of Mr. Edmund Laughlin, which, in conjunction with the "Hurricane," forms the Missionary ground of the Rev. Mr. Damus. Being joined by him that evening, I officiated, with his assistance, in the Chapel of the place at 8 o'clock. The congregation was composed almost altogether of the servants of the place. I delivered to them a plain unwritten discourse, and was rewarded by the earnest attention which that mass of hearers usually give to the word of God.

The next day, being "Good Friday," was celebrated with all the solemn services appointed by the Church, for the occasion. The little Chapel was well filled. The prayers of the congregation were led by Mr. Damus; and after another unwritten discourse to the blacks, who constituted five-sixths of the congregation, I confirmed *four* persons—three whites, and one colored. Among these were two youths whose early and apparently earnest devotion of themselves to God's service, could not but prompt in me the hope, as well as the prayer, that they might both hereafter grow up to be faithful ministers of the New Testament.

That night I spent at the house of Mr. F. A. Freshard, and baptized his *infant daughter*.

On Saturday afternoon, Easter Eve, I reached Vickburg, and the next day preached in the forenoon, confirmed *eight* persons, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Lord. I again preached at 8 in the evening, and confirmed *two* others. The services were conducted by the Rector and the Rev. Mr. Foster. I was truly thankful, to see in this Parish, indications of future growth, as well as of present prosperity. Both pastor and people seem to hold each other in mutual love and esteem, and to labor together for the good of the Church. Would to God that I could say the same of every Parish within our bounds. Before assembling for Divine Service on Sunday forenoon, I met the children of the Sunday School, in the basement story of the Church, and catechized them. I was truly gratified to find from their orderly conduct and intelligent answers, that the labors of their zealous superintendent and other teachers were already meeting with a portion of their reward.

*Sunday, March 30.*—I preached in the Methodist Church, Clinton, to large congregation. At the close of the services I requested the members and friends of the Church to remain a few moments with a view to the adoption of suitable measures for obtaining the partial, if not entire, services of a Clergyman; and I was much gratified, both at seeing a sum nearly sufficient for the purpose pledged before we separated, and at being requested, in the name of the congregation, to invite the Rev. Mr. Elwell to officiate for them two Sundays in the month.

In the afternoon I preached at Raymond, and confirmed *two* persons. This little flock, though still grieving at the departure of their late Pastor, gives evident promise of growth under the sound and judicious instruction of their present Rector.

Their new Church, which is really a credit to the congregation, though not finished, is in a condition to be used with comfort.

*Sunday, April 6.*—I had appointed this day for services on Lake Washington; but owing to the extreme illness of a very near and dear relative then under my roof, I was constrained to recall the appointment, and remain at home. The day, however, was not without suitable employment. In the forenoon I preached in St. Andrew's Church, administered the Holy Communion, and baptized *one* infant, being assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Denniston. In the afternoon I administered the Holy Communion, in private, to two servants of God, whose earthly trials were nearly at an end.

*Monday, 7.*—I set out on my visitation to Deer Creek and Lake Bolivar. The next evening reached Greenville. The three following days were spent in visiting such friends of the Church as lay within my reach. More such visits would have been made, had it not been for the small number and bad condition of the roads, an evil incident to all newly-settled regions. On Thursday I was much pleased



to meet, at the house of Col. Thos. J. Manly, several gentlemen of the neighborhood who were friendly to the Church. They had been invited to meet me for the purpose of consultation and advice, as to the best mode of securing to them and their families and servants, the services of the Church. The work was deemed feasible; and a committee was appointed to obtain, by subscription, the necessary amount for erecting a Church, and to contract for the same, within the course of the coming twelvemonths. One gentleman present, proffered a beautiful and convenient site for the purpose, in the most central part of the neighborhood, and two others agreed to furnish all the plank and timbers that might be required. Before leaving the house of Col. Manly, I baptized his *infant* daughter. The next morning I baptized the *wife* and *daughter* of Dr. Thos. G. Polk, and *twelve* colored children, the property of Bishop Polk.

In the evening, after calling on several families by the way, I reached the settlement, on Middle Deer Creek, to which the Rev. James Philson has recently removed. The next day was occupied in visiting, with him, all the families under his care. On *Sunday, 13th*, I preached to the assembled neighborhood, and confirmed *three* persons. As the Church building is not yet erected, services are held every Lord's Day by Mr. Philson, in a room of the house he occupies, and which is convenient to the friends of the Church through a range of ten miles up and down the creek. This is an intelligent and pleasant neighborhood; and I was gratified to see that both Pastor and people were well pleased with each other. No Parish has as yet been organized, although there is abundant material for the purpose. It is to be regretted that what seems to be, present necessity, compels Mr. Philson to give to a school the far larger portion of his time.

*Friday, April 18.*—At 11 A. M., preached in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, baptized *four* adults, and confirmed *eleven* persons.

In the afternoon rode sixteen miles to the Chapel of the Cross, and preached next day to a small congregation, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Sansom.

*Sunday, 20.*—Preached again in the Chapel; confirmed *one* white, and *twenty-five* colored persons, and administered the Holy Communion. The house was filled to overflowing, and I regretted the more to see many of the servants necessarily excluded, in as much as my engagements would not permit me, as usual, to give them a separate service in the afternoon. I hope that I may here be pardoned for saying, that the services of this day were of more than usual interest to me. In the only white person confirmed, I saw one whom I had known and loved from infancy. To see her thus give herself to the service of God, in the midst of every advantage that youth and health, friends and fortune, could bestow, was to me a gratification barely short of what must have been felt by her only parent. And the gratification was no little enhanced by seeing at her side, a number of those who, in the Providence of God, will ere long look to her for both in-

struction and protection. The success which has so far attended the labors of the Rector of this Church, and his faithful catechist in the religious instruction of the blacks, should not only disarm all opposition to such attempts, but should also show to those who undervalue the system of our Church, that in all its parts it is adapted equally to the rich and poor, the bond and the free, the learned and the ignorant. If any one wishes to hear the chants and hymns, and various responses of our services, uttered with becoming concert and fervency, let him attend the afternoon services of the House of God, when it is filled, as usual, from one end to the other. And if he further wishes to learn the moral and religious effect upon these slaves of the instruction which is weekly given them, let him enquire of their owners, and he will learn that honesty and diligence in their work is, in almost every instance, the fruit of the lessons which they have there received. I deeply regret that the catechist who, by her faithful and able instructions, has contributed so largely towards the improvement of those servants, will soon return to her home in the North. May God's blessing go with her.

In the afternoon, accompanied by Mr. Sansom, I rode thirteen miles to Canton, preached at 8 A. M., and confirmed *three* persons. Four others were also to have received the holy rite; but were kept away by unexpected and unavoidable causes. The next morning I baptized, by immersion, the infant daughter of the Rector.

*Thursday, 24.*—I committed to the earth the body of a near and dear relative who, beneath my roof, had died as a Christian should die, full of peace and love, and the hope of immortality.

*Friday, 24.*—In Christ Church, Vicksburg, I baptized *one* infant, and confirmed *three* persons.

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Thus ends the account of my labors since we last met together. If less has been done than some may have expected, let it be remembered that eleven months only have elapsed since I rendered to you my annual account; and that part of that time, full eleven weeks, were unavoidably lost, in the way of my labors, by the yellow fever in the first place, and again by the intense and unprecedented cold of the greater part of the winter. I was thus prevented from visiting six of our organized Parishes, and four smaller stations, which, though containing but few members and friends of the Church, have, nevertheless, a claim on my attention. To this, it may be added that several of our largest Parishes have, for a considerable portion of the year, been without the services of a regular Pastor. You will not, therefore, be disappointed at learning that only *one hundred and thirty-four* have been confirmed, of whom thirty-seven were colored. *Fifty-nine* have been baptized by me within our ecclesiastical year. Of these thirty-six were white; (fifteen adults, and twenty one infants;) the remainder were colored, (one adult, and twenty-two infants.) This number of baptisms and confirmations, though numerically smaller

than that reported at the last Convention, is, all things being considered, proportionally larger, and more encouraging.

*One* Church has been consecrated—Calvary, Holmes county.

*One* Priest has been ordained—Rev. F. A. P. Barnard.

*One* has died—the Rev. A. D. Corbyn.

*Four* have been transferred to other Dioceses—viz: the Rev. Wm. Clotworthy to the See of Down, Connor and Dromore, Ireland; Rev. John Philson, to the Diocese of Louisiana, and Rev. F. W. Boyd and Rev. Willard Presbury, to the Diocese of Kentucky.

*Four* have been received from other Dioceses—Rev. F. Elwell, from Indiana; Rev. R. Shindler, from Kentucky; Rev. Isaac Pardee, from New York; and Rev. James W. Rogers, from Tennessee.

The Rev. A. B. Peabody, who was transferred to this Diocese, two years since, whilst in the Theological Seminary at Nashotah, was, at my request, ordained last June, by the Bishop of Wisconsin, and is now laboring amongst us.

The number of the Clergy, therefore, canonically belonging to the Diocese, is *thirty-one*.

The Rev. Charles Reighley, Rev. Charles W. Whitall, and Rev. John Foster, are residents of the Diocese, but have not yet been transferred to its jurisdiction.

Once more, and, as I hope for the last time, I record the name of Rev. A. P. Merrill on our Clerical list. For six years his residence has been unknown. According to our present Canons he belongs to this jurisdiction, and I have accordingly felt bound, from year to year, to report him as one of our Clergy. It is hoped, however, that our ensuing General Convention will frame a law to meet this and like cases, and will thus relieve the Ministry from all such causes of reproach.

The following changes in the position of our Clergy, have taken place since the last Convention:

The Rev. F. A. P. Barnard, has been admitted to Priest's Orders.

Rev. Wm. R. Babcock has resigned the Parish at Natchez, but has not yet canonically separated himself from the Diocese. Rev. Edmund Denniston has been in temporary charge of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, since the death of its late Rector.

The Rev. Charles A. Disbrow is no longer Rector of the Church at Aberdeen, and has removed to North Carolina.

Rev. F. Elwell has charge of a Classical School in Raymond, and also ministers to the Church in that place, and in Clinton.

Rev. James S. Greene is residing in Jefferson county.

Rev. Samuel J. Hayward, after a year of faithful and efficient Missionary labor, was compelled, by declining health, to suspend his work, and is now gone to seek, as God may order, either renewed health, or an early grave in his native home.

Rev. T. S. W. Mott has resigned St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

Rev. Isaac Pardee has accepted the charge of St. Paul's Church, Woodville.

Rev. A. B. Peabody is performing Missionary labor in Carroll Co., and is also in charge of a Female School, in the town of Carrollton.

Rev. James Philson has removed from Raymond to Middle Deer Creek, where he teaches a Classical School, and ministers acceptably to a few families of the Church.

Rev. W. Parker Scott has resigned the Church in Yazoo City.

Rev. R. D. Shindler has charge of both a Male and Female School in Brandon, and ministers occasionally to the little flock in that place.

Rev. Wm. C. Stout is residing in Marshall county.

Rev. R. H. Weller has removed from Clinton to Claiborne county, and taken charge of the Church of the Epiphany.

Rev. Charles W. Whitall, though not yet canonically received into the Diocese, has, for some time, been doing Missionary service at Biloxi and other points along the coast.

Of the six candidates for Orders last reported, one has been ordained, and one has withdrawn. The four who remain are Messrs. Thea. B. Bailey, Wm. Clarke, George Stewart, and M. Leander Weller.

The Female Schools under the respective management of Rev. Messrs. Savage, Sill, Lawson, and Ozanne, are, I am pleased to say, in a prosperous condition; and merit all commendation and encouragement from an intelligent community.

After this statistical view of the condition of the Diocese, I now beg leave to call your attention to such of its interests as may need the legislation or the fostering care of this Convention. And first among these is that of St. Andrew's College. I will not detain you with an enumeration of the many and various obstacles which have arisen in the way of that Institution since, four years ago, it first opened its doors to our sons. The few generous and self-sacrificing friends who first gave it the power to move, continued to the last, to sustain it by their counsels and their benefactions. But it was a work for a whole Diocese, rather than for two or three of its members. What wonder then, if, like many other projects of the kind, it should have fallen to the ground? especially under the circumstances of disease to which many parts of our State have, for the last three years, been subjected. Although not one case of the late epidemic ever occurred at the College, yet so great was the panic, excited by the existence of the fever in the town of Jackson, that parents would not run the risk of sending their sons from a distance, to an Institution so near the seat of infection. The panic, unfortunately for us, continuing for three successive years, could not fail to keep from us a large amount of patronage which we had every reason to expect, and without which it was next to impossible to meet the expenses of an Institution altogether without endowment, and developing some new want day by day. I will not, however, go any further into the causes that have led to the downfall—may I not rather call it, the suspension, of our College. I will now only say that the Board of Trustees have, in my opinion, done all that could be expected of them to make it what the

Diocese designed it to be—a nursery of sound learning and of pure religion. The question now to be settled is, shall the undertaking be entirely abandoned, and our liberal charter returned to the State: Or shall one more effort be made to pay off its obligations, and again throw open its doors. The debts of the College do not exceed ten thousand dollars.

This sum might readily be spared by many within our Diocese who are called Sons of the Church. And an equal or larger amount might, without any diminution of their abundance, be given by others, by way of endowment.

It is an act of but common justice to state in this connexion, that the late Rector, the Rev. Joshua Sweet, has done all in his power to sustain the Institution. Had it been in even ordinary circumstances of prosperity, when he took it in charge, his industry, fidelity, and sound scholarship, could hardly have failed to give it an enviable reputation.

Whilst thus contemplating the failure of St. Andrew's College, it is gratifying to know that no such Providential hindrances have been thrown in the way of St. Thomas' Hall, but that under its present energetic Rector, that School is enjoying a high degree of prosperity.

I am pained to state to you that the attempts made at our last Convention, to sustain our Diocesan paper, the "Church Herald," have not succeeded. The promises of help then made to the liberal and noble brother who, besides performing the part of chief editor, has contributed more than a third of the money necessary to sustain it,—these promises have not, I fear, been fulfilled. As a necessary consequence, that paper, so creditable to our name in other Dioceses, and so beneficial, in many respects, to our own, has been again suspended. Brethren, this is an enterprise calling for no large amount of the means which God has given you, and yet fraught with much good to the house of God. Let me earnestly beg that it may ere long be revived, and placed upon a permanent footing. If you could hear, as I do, the many and deep regrets expressed on this subject throughout the whole Diocese, and see and see, the important uses subserved by that paper in uniting our people in one view of faith and practice; in keeping up a Diocesan interest by letting one part know what is going on in another; in facilitating the operations of your Bishop, and in adding to the amount of your finances; if all this were fully brought before you, you would not fail to make every required effort to restore that paper to existence, and to give to it increased power to do good.

If it should please the Convention and the Diocese, that neither the College nor the "Herald" should, at present, be revived, let me beg that your bounty be turned into the channel of our Diocesan Missionary Fund. If the Church is to be known, and to do her proper work in the country and smaller villages of our State, it must be by the labors of itinerant Missionaries commissioned for that very purpose. Such Missionaries I have long sought to obtain. One only has, as yet, been granted to my prayers, and he was spared just long enough for me to

learn his worth, and to mourn over the mysterious mandate that has arrested him in the commencement of his labors, and brought him to the borders of the grave.

I had allotted to Rev. Mr. Hayward an extensive field for his itinerancy. And although he was not permitted to go through it more than twice, yet from end to the other, in my late visitation of that region, I could see how much he had done to commend our services to both friends and foes. May God spare a life so full of promise to his needy Church! If others are to be sent in like manner, to supply the wants of our scattered brethren, and to make known the Church to those who are now strangers to her, their support must, in a great measure, be drawn from the treasury of our Diocesan Missionary Society. Let that treasury then become your peculiar care, beloved brethren. I am reluctant to state that its annual receipts, have never yet exceeded twelve hundred dollars. When you have doubled and trebled that amount, then will I be able to tell you of more good done for Christ and his Church, among those who now know neither as they should be known.

When the several congregations of the Diocese shall be regularly organized into three Convocations—Northern, Southern and Middle, it is hoped that each will, with becoming zeal, resolve to support an itinerant Missionary within its bounds. In this way much has been effected for the Church in some of our sister Dioceses.

I will detain you no longer from your deliberations, brethren, than earnestly to commend, as I now do, both you and your present work, to the guidance and blessing of the spirit of all wisdom and grace.

WM. M. GREEN.

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On motion, the Address of the Bishop was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, excepting those portions of it relating to St. Andrew's College and the Diocesan Schools, which were referred to the Committee on Diocesan Schools; and excepting, also, that portion relating to the "Church Herald," which was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. James S. Johnston and Wm. C. Smedes, and the Rev. Mr. Sansom.

The following amendment was offered to the Canons:

*Resolved*, That Canon eight be amended by striking out the word "*Delegates*," wherever it occurs, and substituting in its place the word "*Deputies*."

Pending the consideration of which, the Convention took a recess for the purpose of attending Divine Service, which was celebrated at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. Benj. M. Miller, of Christ Church, Church Hill, read prayers, assisted by the Rev. Benj. Halsted, of Calvary Church, Holmes county. And the Rev. J. W. Rogers, Rector

of St. Thomas' Hall, Holly Springs, preached from the First Book of Kings, xiv. chap., 1st to 4th verse:

At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, there is Abijah the prophet which told me that *I should be king* over this people.

And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child.

And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh; and came to the house of Abijah. But Abijah could not see, for his eyes were set by reason of his age.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order at 10 o'clock, by the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. Geo. W. Sill, appeared and took his seat as a member of the Convention.

The motion pending to amend the eighth Canon, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion, ordered, that when the Convention adjourn, after this noon's session, it adjourn to meet at half-past 4 o'clock this evening.

On motion, ordered, that the hour of half-past 4 o'clock this evening, be set for the election of Diocesan Officers and Delegates to the General Convention.

Messrs. Thos. R. Shields, Martin W. Ewing, and John A. Parr, were appointed additional members of the Committee on Diocesan Schools.

The Rev. Mr. Sansom was excused from acting on the Committee appointed this morning, on the subject of the "Church Herald," and the Rev. Geo. W. Sill was appointed in his place.

A motion was made to repeal Canon thirteen, "on Convocations."

A motion was made to refer the same to the Committee on Constitution and Canons, pending the consideration of which,

A motion was made to lay the whole subject on the table, which was lost, and thereupon,

The motion to refer was carried.

The Rev. R. Heber Weller and W. Parker Scott, were added to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion, so much of the Bishop's Address as related to the subject of "Convocations," was referred to the same Committee.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was received and agreed to:

## REPORT

### OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that on examination they find that all the matters brought before the last Convention, were finally disposed of.

WM. HEMINGWAY, Chairman.

Notice was given, that the Annual Meeting of the Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi, would be held immediately after Divine Service to-night.

It was moved that the next Convention of the Diocese be held in the *Town of Canton*, on the *last Thursday of May*, 1857.

An amendment was offered, to substitute for "the Town of Canton," "*Christ Church, Church Hill, Jefferson county*," but it was lost.

Whereupon the original motion was put and carried.

So the Convention decided that the Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi, should be held at Grace Church, in the Town of Canton, on the last Thursday of May, A. D., 1857.\*

The Treasurer of the Diocese presented the following report and the accompanying account, in relation to the Bishop's salary, which was received, read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

## REPORT

### OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Diocese, reports that he has received, since the last Convention, from all sources, and paid over to the Bishop, on account of his salary, amount to the sum of

\$2,315 50	
And amount over paid Bishop to July 1, 1855,	185 48

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\$2,500 98

Amount of Bishop's salary fixed by resolution of

Convention, 1855, Journal of 1855, folio 55,	\$2,200
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Traveling expenses,

300	\$2,500
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Amount over paid to Bishop up to July 1, 1856.

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Trinity Church, Natchez, St. Andrew's Church, Marshall, and St. John's Church, Aberdeen, had each paid one quarter in advance on

\* This was subsequently reconsidered, and altered, by a vote of the Convention, to the *fourth Friday of April*, 1857.—Sec.



their respective assessments, for the Bishop's salary. Hence their payments this year are less than the amount assessed.

Statement A shows amount paid on Parish assessments,	\$1,855 50
"    B    "    "    notes, given	
Bishop's Fund,	360 00
Statement C shows amount paid on contributions from individuals,	70 00
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	\$2,315 50

There is yet due from assessments on Parishes,	\$242 50
From interest on bonds favor of Bishop's fund,	87 00
From a contributor whose term expires this year,	50 00
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	\$379 50

Of the arrears, from Parishes, \$140 is due from six Parishes, who have paid nothing for 2 years. The capital of the notes given the Bishop's Fund, has been reduced, during the year, by the payment to St. Andrew's College, of the following notes on account of debt due by the Bishop's Fund, to the College:

A. K. Farrar's note for \$500, and interest \$30,	\$530 00
B. Blake's note for \$250, and interest \$15,	265 00
Part of M. W. Ewing's note for \$100,	100 00
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Total amount paid on account debt due St. Andrew's College, \$595 00

Respectfully submitted,

April 26, 1856.

J. ROACH, Treasurer.

NOTE.—Since the closing of the Treasurer's report the following payments have been made on account of Bishop's salary:

Ascension Church, Hernando, assessment for 1856,	\$10 00
W. B. Shields, interest on note to April, 1856,	12 00
E. J. Hinton, " " " " " " " "	12 00
Epiphany Church, Claiborne county, on account,	12 00
St. Mark's Church, Raymond, balance due,	5 00

#### Appendix to Report in relation to Bishop's Salary.

##### STATEMENT A.

##### *Payments from Parishes.*

Parish.	Am't in arrears.	As'm't.	Total due.	Am't paid.	Yet due.
Trinity, Natchez,	—	440	330	330 00	— —
Christ Church, Vicksburg	—	320	320	320 00	— —
St. Andrew's, Jackson,	—	240	240	240 00	— —
Christ Church, Church Hill,	—	200	200	200 00	— —
Christ Church, Holly Springs,	—	100	100	100 00	— —
Trinity, Pass Christian,	—	100	100	125 00	— —
Trinity, Yazoo,	—	80	80	80 00	— —
St. Paul's, Woodville,	—	75	75	75 00	— —

Parish.	Am't in arrears.	As'm't.	Total due.	Am't paid.	Yet due.
St. Paul's, Columbus,	—	60	60	80 00	80 00
St. John's, L. Washington,	—	60	60	60 00	—
St. Phillip's, Kirkwood,	—	60	60	60 00	—
St. Andrew's, Marshall,	—	50	38	38 00	—
Grace Church, Canton,	—	40	40	40 00	—
St. Peter's, Oxford,	—	30	30	30 00	—
Epiphany, Claiborne,	10	20	30	5 00	25 00
Chapel of Cross, Madison,	—	20	20	20 00	—
St. John's, Aberdeen,	—	20	20	—	20 00
St. John's, Pontotoc,	20	20	40	—	40 00
Advent, Washington,	—	20	20	—	20 00
St. Matthew's, Clinton,	10	20	30	30 00	—
St. Mark's, Raymond,	—	20	20	15 00	5 00
Calvary, Helmes county,	—	20	20	20 00	—
St. Paul's, Grand Gulf,	—	20	20	20 00	—
St. John's, Annadale,	—	20	20	20 00	—
Grace Church, Okolona,	—	10	10	10 00	—
St. Luke's, Brandon,	10	10	20	—	20 00
Messiah, Noxubee,	10	10	20	—	20 00
Ascension, Hernando,	10	10	20	—	20 00
St. James', Port Gibson,	10	10	20	17 50	2 50
St. John's, Early Grove,	10	10	20	—	20 00
St. John's, De Soto,	10	10	20	—	20 00
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					\$1685 50 \$242 50

## STATEMENT B.

*Received on Account Bishop's Fund.*

G. W. Turner, interest on his note to April 1, 1855,					\$40
W. C. Smedes,	"	"	1856,		80
M. W. Ewing,	"	"	"		12
G. S. Yerger,	"	"	"		60
J. D. Stewart,	"	"	"		12
J. D. Shields,	"	"	"		12
J. S. Johnston,	"	"	"		30
W. D. Bell,	"	"	"		12
W. Yerger,	"	"	"		30
O. O. Woodman,	"	"	"		12
J. T. McMurren,	"	"	"		60

Total received interest on notes to Bishop's Fund, - \$360

## STATEMENT C.

*Received from Individuals.*

Mrs. Wall, Richmond, La.,					\$10
M. W. Ewing, Annadale, Yazoo,					5

T. J. Manly, Bolivar county,	.	.	.	.	.	10
Dr. William B. Williamson, Edwards,	.	.	.	.	.	5
Mrs. Jos. E. Davis, Hurricane,	.	.	.	.	.	20
Col. Fielding Davis, Isaquena,	.	.	.	.	.	20

Total from Individuals, . . . . . \$70

On motion, it was resolved to proceed to the election of Treasurer of the Diocese, for the ensuing year; whereupon the ballot being, on motion, by a unanimous vote, dispensed with, Mr. James Roach was unanimously re-elected as said officer.

The Convention then, on motion, adjourned to meet again at half-past 4 o'clock P. M.

### CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG, } SATURDAY, April 26, 4½ o'clock, P. M.

The Convention was called to order at half-past 4 o'clock, P. M., by the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese.

Present on roll call, of the Clergy as before.

Also, of the Lay Delegates, as before, with the addition of Mr. Robert W. Ewing, from *St John's Chapel, Annadale*.

The Committee on the Admission of new Congregations, presented the following report, which was received, read and agreed to:

#### REPORT

##### OF COMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS.

The Committee on the Admission of New Congregations respectfully report, that no applications for the Admission of New Congregations have been made, and as far as can be ascertained, there will be no application of the kind, to this Convention.

W. PARKER SCOTT, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, with accompanying resolutions and abstracts of assessments, which were received:

#### GENERAL REPORT

##### OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of Major James Roach, the Treasurer of the Diocese, in relation to the Bishop's salary, have examined the same with its accompanying account and vouchers, and find it to be in all respects correct. It exhibits the

gratifying fact that the salary due the Bishop up to the 1st day of July next, has been fully paid, and that the Parishes have, as a general thing, responded promptly and cheerfully to the assessments put upon them. The Committee think that the thanks of the Convention and of the Diocese, are due to the Treasurer for his unwearied labors in the fulfilment of the onerous and unpleasant, and entirely, except in so far as every good deed contains its own reward, unremunerated duties which he has so faithfully and successfully performed. The creation of the office of Treasurer of the Church, and the wisdom of the choice of the late Convention in filling it, are more than vindicated.

Your Committee further report, that they have taken into consideration the subject of the assessments of the Parishes for the Bishop's salary and contingent expenses for the coming year, beginning with the first of the ensuing July; and they have not found occasion to alter those in relation to the contingent expenses, from what they were last year; and they report them the same accordingly. They have, however, taken a different view of the assessments in relation to the Bishop's salary, and of the salary itself.

No one who has heard or who may read the history of the labors and services of our venerated Bishop during the past year, in building up the Church in this Diocese, an account of which was this day read to the Convention, can hesitate in coming to the conclusion, that the amplest provision in the power of the Church should be made for the support and maintainance of him, and of those dependent on him, who is, himself, so ready to spend and be spent in the cause of the Church. To the care of all the Churches, with all the varied responsibilities incident to his position as the Bishop of this large and growing Diocese, should not be added, the bitterest of all anxieties, the fear lest after every care and all economy practised, the income should not prove sufficient to meet indispensable expenditure. The hospitality which becomes and appertains to his position, itself forms no slight addition to the expenses which absolute necessity imposes; and your Committee are convinced, not merely from their own experience, but from the best information which they can obtain, that owing to the increased expenses of living, less than three thousand dollars per annum, will not suffice to enable our Bishop to live with ordinary comfort and respectability. They have accordingly re-examined and re-arranged the assessments so as to enable the Convention to offer to the Bishop what is but a reasonable and just support. They have increased the aggregate of assessments from \$2,135 to \$2,520, and to this are to be added the proceeds of the Bishop's fund, yielding \$401, and arrearages from some of the Parishes for last year, and also from a small part from the Bishop's fund, amounting together to \$379; and these sums, in the aggregate, make \$3,300, as a means to look to for the collection of \$3,000, to be paid to the Bishop for his salary and traveling expenses. Your Committee have, however, thought it expedient to make it all a payment of "salary," and to make no pro-

vision for traveling expenses; but recommend that that phrase be no longer used in this connection.

Your Committee would further report, that their views in relation to the increased salary for the Bishop, correspond precisely with those of the Treasurer of the Church, who has, in person, earnestly pressed action in this matter upon the Committee.

Your Committee would further state that if the resolution which they design to propose, be passed, directing the Treasurer to call in those portions of the Bishop's fund, which are now past due, and only bear a rate of interest at six per cent., and re-invest them at the highest rate allowed by law, for loaned money, it will increase by a hundred dollars and upwards, the amount of available assets for the payment of the Bishop's salary.

Your Committee further report that in the present prosperous condition of the country, when God is smiling upon the labors of the husbandman, and there is a general advance of wealth in the land, and further in view of the fact that the Diocese is now freed from the heavy calls upon its liberality growing out of the College of St. Andrew and the Church Herald, your Committee consider that it is a most appropriate time to renew the effort to add to and build up the Bishop's fund, and thus secure a permanent support for our Diocesan, and lighten the annual burden upon the Parishes. To accomplish this, your Committee offer one of the annexed resolutions.

The following is the new list of assessments for Bishop's Salary and Contingent Expenses :

Parishes.	Bishop's Fund.	Contingent Expenses.
Trinity Church, Natchez, - -	\$500	\$40
Christ Church, Vicksburg, - -	380	30
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, - -	300	30
Christ Church, Church Hill, - -	260	30
Christ Church, Holly Springs, - -	120	20
Trinity Church, Pas Christian, - -	120	15
Trinity Church, Yazoo City, - -	80	20
St. Paul's Church, Woodville, - -	100	15
St. Paul's Church, Columbus, - -	60	15
St. John's Church, Lake Washington, - -	80	10
St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood, - -	80	10
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, - -	50	10
Grace Church, Canton, - -	60	10
St. Peter's Church, Oxford, - -	40	5
Epiphany Church, Claiborne county, - -	30	5
St. John's Church, Aberdeen, - -	20	5
St. John's Church, Pontotoc, - -	20	5
Chapel of the Cross, Madison county, - -	20	5
Advent Church, Washington, - -	20	5
Amount carried forward, -	<u>\$2340</u>	<u>\$295</u>

Parishes.	Bishop's Fund.	Contingent Expenses.
Amount brought forward,	- \$2340	\$295
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton,	- 20	5
St. Mark's Church, Raymond,	- 20	5
Calvary Church, Holmes county,	- 20	5
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf,	- 20	5
St. John's Chapel, Annadale,	- 20	5
St. Luke's Church, Brandon,	- 10	10
Messiah Church, Noxubee county,	- 10	5
Ascension Church, Hernando,	- 10	5
Grace Church, Okolona,	- 10	5
St. James' Church, Port Gibson,	- 10	5
St. John's Church, Early Grove,	- 10	5
St. John's Church, De Soto,	- 10	5
Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo county,	10	2,50
	<hr/> \$2520	<hr/> \$352,50

The Committee, in conclusion, offer the following resolutions, viz :

1. *Resolved*, That the account and vouchers of Maj. James Roach, the Treasurer of the Diocese, are, in all respects, correct, and that the same be allowed, and that the thanks of this Convention be, and they are hereby tendered to him for his faithful labors in the discharge of the duties of his office.
2. *Resolved*, That the salary of the Bishop, for the ensuing year beginning July 1st. next, be and the same is hereby fixed at three thousand dollars per annum.
3. *Resolved*, That the foregoing assessments be made upon the Parishes named for the Bishop's salary and contingent expenses of the Convention; and that each Parish be requested to remit to the Treasurer of the Diocese, one-fourth of said assessment, for the support of the Episcopate, on the 1st of July, of October, of January, and April next; and be further requested to pay the assessment for contingent expenses, to the Secretary of the Convention, at least one month before the day fixed for the meeting of the next Diocesan Convention.
4. *Resolved*, That the sums heretofore subscribed to the Bishop's fund, and which are now past due, and those not due at maturity, and which bear only six per cent. interest, be called in, and re-invested by the Treasurer of the Church, at the rate of ten per cent. per annum. The Treasurer to give a preference to the makers of the notes now held by him, in each case, to borrow the amount due, if they see fit.
5. *Resolved*, That the Bishop be, and he is hereby requested to designate one layman for each Parish in the Diocese, at some period in his convenience after the adjournment of the Convention, who shall be, and they are each hereby earnestly requested, to make active efforts in the Parishes for which they are respectively appointed, for the increase of the Bishop's fund. That they be requested to procure the notes of solvent persons payable at from one to ten years from date, to the Trustees of the Episcopal fund, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, the interest payable annually, either on the first of January, April, July, or October; and that they forward all such notes to the Treasurer of the Church, Maj. James Roach, at Vicksburg, as soon as they are obtained; and that each person so appointed, be requested to report to the next Convention, the result of his efforts in this behalf; and that the Rector of each Parish be requested to co-operate with such person in pressing this subject upon the people of his charge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. SMEDES, Chairman  
of the Committee on Finance.

The question was then taken upon the adoption of the said

resolutions, and they were severally adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, presented the following abstract of the proceedings of that Committee for the past year :

**ABSTRACT OF MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEE,**

1855, Nov. 28. Committee met; Rev. Mr. Lord elected as [its President, and W. C. Smedes Secretary.

The Testimonial in behalf of Rev. F. A. P. Barnard, a candidate for Priest's Orders, signed by the Committee.

**W. C. SMEDES, Secretary.**

The Committee on the subject of the "Church Herald," presented the following report, which was received, read and agreed to :

**R E P O R T**

**OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHURCH HERALD.**

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Journal and Address, as relates to the "Church Herald," beg leave, respectfully, to report that with all deference and regard to the earnest recommendations of our beloved chief Pastor, and with a full appreciation of the many advantages that would accrue from a well and ably conducted Diocesan paper, such as the Church Herald was ; yet they can see nothing to justify the conclusion that any attempt by this Convention to revive its publication, would meet with better success, or a more encouraging response from the Diocese, than the ill-fated enterprise which has recently terminated its career, amidst the sorrows and regrets of all the friends of the Church.

**JAS. S. JOHNSTON, Chairman.**

The hour appointed for the election of Diocesan Officers and Deputies to the General Convention, having arrived, the Rev. W. Parker Scott and Thos. R. Shields, were appointed tellers.

Whereupon the following officers were elected :

**STANDING COMMITTEE.**

Rev. W. W. Lord,	Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,
Rev. Henry Sansom,	Mr. W. C. Smedes.
Rev. R. Heber Weller,	

**TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND AND CHURCH PROPERTY.**

Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,  
Mr. James Roach,  
Hon. Charles Scott,

## DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. W. W. Lord,	Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,
Rev. Jas. A. Fox,	Mr. Wm. C. Smedes,
Rev. Thos. S. Savage,	Mr. Jas. S. Johnston,
Rev. Benj. Halsted.	Mr. M. W. Ewing.

## TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. W. W. Lord,  
 Rev. Isaac Pardee,  
 Mr. Geo. S. Yerger.

## ECCLÉSIASTICAL COURT.

Rev. B. M. Miller,	Rev. H. Sansom,
Rev. Jas. A. Fox,	Rev. W. W. Lord.
Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne,	

On motion, the vote heretofore adopted, appointing the next Diocesan Convention to be held on the last *Thursday in May*, was reconsidered,

And pending the further consideration of the subject, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 8 o'clock.

Divine Service was celebrated in the evening at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. James Philson read prayers, assisted by the Rev. Geo. W. Sill; and the Rev. Geo. W. Sill preached from the Psalms, chap. 50: verse 21; "These things hast thou done and kept silence, and thou thought that I was altogether such an one as thyself, but I will reprove thee and set them in order before thine eyes."

After Divine Service, the Annual Meeting of the Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge, in the Diocese of Mississippi, was held. For its proceedings, etc., see Appendix C.

Divine Service was celebrated on Sunday, April 27, it being the Fifth Sunday After Easter, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. Jas. A. Fox read the morning prayers, assisted by the Rev. Henry Sansom; the Rev. Andrew Matthews read the Lessons; the Rt. Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, read the Ante-Communion Service, and the Rev. Henry Sansom preached from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, chap. x, 8 verse: "Freely ye have received; freely give."

A collection was then taken up in aid of the funds of the Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi.



After which, the Sacrament of the Holy Communion was administered by the Rt. Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Reverend Jas. A. Fox, Rev. Andrew Matthews, Rev. W. W. Lord and Rev. Henry Sansom.

Divine Service was again celebrated in the evening, at half-past 4 o'clock.

The Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne read the evening service, assisted by the Rev. James Philson, and the Rev. Benj. M. Miller preached.

Divine Service was again celebrated at 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. J. W. Rogers read prayers, assisted by the Rev. Frederick Elwell, and the Rev. Wm. W. Lord preached from the First Epistle to the Corinthians, iv chap., 1st verse: "Let a man so account of us, as of the Ministers of Christ."

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CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG, }  
MONDAY, April 30, 1856.

The Convention was called to order at 8 o'clock, A. M., by the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, and was opened with prayer.

Upon the call of the roll, there were found to be present, of the Clergy, as on Saturday; and of the Laity, as on Saturday, with the addition of Mr. George S. Yerger, Lay Delegate from *St. Andrew's Church, Jackson*.

The Rev. George Wilson, of the Diocese of Louisiana, attended the Session of the Convention, under the resolution of invitation adopted on Friday.

The minutes of the proceedings of Saturday, were read by the Secretary, and approved.

The subject of fixing the day of meeting of the next Diocesan Convention, which was pending at the time of adjournment on Saturday, was resumed, and, on motion, it was ordered that the next Convention should assemble on the *fourth Friday* in April, 1857.

The Treasurer of the Convention presented the following

report in relation to the Contingent Expense Fund, which was received, read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

## REPORT

### OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

*To the Convention of the Prot. Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Miss.:*

The Treasurer of the Convention presents his account of the Contingent Expense Fund. At the date of his report to the Convention of 1855, (May 19, 1855,) there was, on hand, applicable to the expenses of that Convention, the sum of \$240 68, to which has been added from arrearages, the sum of \$18; in all, \$258 68. The amount of arrearages for assessments made prior to May, 1854—in all \$25—was released by a vote of the last Convention, leaving \$40 yet to be collected from the assessment of 1854.

The assessments made in 1855, for the Contingent Expense Fund, amounted to \$352 50. Of these \$242 50 have been paid to the undersigned, leaving still due to this fund, from the assessment of 1855, the sum of \$110.

The amount at present on hand, applicable to the expenses of the Convention of 1856, is \$206 79, with \$150 yet due to the Contingent Fund from fourteen Parishes.

The undersigned regrets the existence of so large a deficit; and trusts that the Parishes thus indebted, will take immediate steps towards the liquidation of its amount; the fund now on hand not being sufficient for the prompt settlement of the contingent expenses of the present Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GILES M. HILLYER,

Vicksburg, April 28, 1856.

Treasurer of the Convention.

GILES M. HILLYER, in acc't with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Mississippi:

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May 19.	To balance in hand this day,	-	-	\$240 68
	To cash received from the following Parishes—			
20.	St Paul's Church, Grand Gulf, (assessment 1855.)	-	5 00	
June	St. Andrew's Church, Marshall Co., (arrearages.)	10 00		
20.	To amount due Treasurer,	-	30 21	
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				\$285 89

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May 19.	By cash paid D. Bigelow for stationery,	-	\$ 1 50	
19.	By cash paid drayage,	-	25	
June 20.	By cash paid printing Journals 1855,	-	272 80	
20.	By cash paid postage thereon,	-	9 84	
20.	By cash paid box, drayage, etc.,	-	50	
20.	By cash paid binding one vol. Journals,	-	1 00	
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				\$285 89

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April 19.	To cash received from the following Parishes—	
19.	Grace Church, Okelona, (arrearages 1854,)	5 00
23.	Trinity Church, Natchez, (assessment 1855,)	40 00
25.	Christ Church, Church Hill, “ “	30 00
25.	Christ Church, Woodville, “ “	15 00
25.	St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood, “ “	10 00
25.	Calvary Church, Holmes Co., “ “	5 00
25.	Church of the Ascension, Hernando, “ “	5 00
25.	Chapel of the Cross, Madison Co., “ “	5 00
25.	St. Mark's Church, Raymond, “ “	5 00
25.	St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, “ “	30 00
26.	Church of the Epiphany, “ “	5 00
26.	Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne Co., (arrearages 1854,)	3 00
26.	St. John's Chapel, Annadale, (assessment 1855,)	5 00
26.	Trinity Church, Pas Christian, “ “	15 00
26.	Grace Church, Canton, “ “	10 00
26.	Christ Church, Vicksburg, “ “	30 00
26.	Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo City, “ “	2 50
26.	Christ Church, Holly Springs, “ “	20 00
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		\$240 50

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April 19.	By amount due Treasurer, - - -	30 21
19.	By cash paid for stationery, - - -	1 25
19.	By cash paid postages, discount on uncurrent money, etc., etc., - - -	2 25
26.	By this amount on hand, - - -	206 79
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		\$240 50

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April 26. To this amount on hand applicable to the Contin-  
gent Expenses of the Convention of 1856, \$206 79

GILES M. HILLYER,  
Treasurer of the Convention.

Vicksburg, April 28, 1855.

## Arrearages to Contingent Expense Fund.

	Assessment 1855.	Assessment 1854.
Trinity Church, Yazoo City, -	\$20 00	
St. Paul's Church, Columbus, -	15 00	
St. John's Church, Lake Washington, 10 00		\$10 00
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, 10 00		
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton, -	5 00*	
St. John's Church, Pontotoc, -	5 00	5 00
St. John's Church, Aberdeen, -	5 00	
St. John's Church, De Soto county, 5 00		5 00
St. Luke's Church, Brandon, -	10 00	10 00
St. James' Church, Port Gibson, -	5 00	5 00
St. Peter's Church, Oxford, -	5 00*	
Grace Church, Okolona, -	5 00	
Church of the Advent, Washington, 5 00		
Church of the Messiah, Noxubee county, 5 00		5 00
	<hr/> \$110 00	<hr/> \$40 00

Total arrearages from fourteen Parishes, \$150 00.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons presented the following report upon the subjects referred to them, which was received, read and agreed to, and the resolutions therein embodied were, on motion, severally adopted:

### REPORT

#### OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

The Committee on the Constitution and Canons, beg leave respectfully to report that after due and careful examination of the subjects referred to them for their consideration, they have suggested only such amendments as the good of the Diocese seems to require.

They have been desirous to avoid all innovations upon useful and well-established laws and regulations, and have endeavored not to overlook any deficiency or defect in the same.

In regard to the Constitution, your Committee have no amendments to suggest.

In regard to the Canons, your Committee submit the following suggestions:

Canon VIII—Strike out the word "Delegates," and insert the word "Deputies."

Canon XII—Be repealed.

Canon XIII—Strike out Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Canon XV—Be repealed.

In regard to that portion of the Bishop's Address and the subject of Convocations submitted to them, your Committee beg leave to state

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\* These amounts have been received by the Treasurer, since the adjournment of the Convention.—Sec'y.

that they believe that at some future time it may be for the good of the Diocese, for the Convention to organize three Convocations in the State, dividing the State into three Districts, for the purpose of holding Convocations; but for the present, they believe such an organization would be inexpedient. In the meantime, should it be for the interest of the Diocese to hold Convocations as alluded to in the Bishop's Address, the object desired may be satisfactorily attained, as your Committee believe, under Canon XIII, if amended as proposed.

Your Committee, therefore, present the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That Canon VIII, be amended by striking out the words "Delegates," and inserting the words "Deputies."
2. *Resolved*, That the 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th Sections of Canon XIII be stricken out of said Canon, or all but Section 1st be repealed.

Nothing further requiring the attention of your Committee, they respectfully submit their report.

JOHN P. DILLINGHAM, Chairman.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following report, together with a summary of the Parochial Reports, which were received, read and agreed to:

## REPORT

### OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to present the following report:

Having attentively listened to the Journal of our beloved Bishop, giving an account of his labors in the Diocese since the last Annual Convention; also having carefully examined the reports presented from the Parishes, it appears to your Committee that there is abundant cause for thankfulness to Almighty God, for the measure of success which has attended the labors of the Bishop, the Clergy and the Laity of the Diocese, during the past year. Though the increase of the Church has not been so great as to equal our ardent hopes and wishes, still her progress has been steadily *onward*, and she is gradually becoming more firmly established.

It appears that some enterprises, recommended by former Conventions, have not been as successful as was anticipated; but we should always remember, that when God sends trials of our faith and patience, He is no less our Father and our Friend, than when he sends us prosperity. "Therefore, be not dismayed."

The earnest and fervent preaching of the Word, and a diligent and persevering attention to Parish duties, accompanied by God's blessing, (without which all labor is in vain,) are the principal and most effectual means for converting men to the Faith of the Gospel, sheltering them within the Ark of Christ's Church, and thus bringing them within the influence of the covenanted means of grace.

From the report presented to the Convention, it appears that the labors of the Clergy have been well bestowed, and that those of our

venerated Diocesan, have been "more abundant." It is, however, a subject of regret to your Committee, that several of the parochial reports are very incomplete. The General Summary will not, therefore, exhibit a full statement of the several particulars therein set forth. It is recommended to the Clergy, that their reports hereafter be made out in accordance with the prescribed form.

The Committee have been much gratified with the report of the success which has attended the labors of the Missionary, Mr. Hayward, and would recommend, if funds can be raised for their support, that others be employed in the same kind of service, provided suitable persons can be found who are willing to engage in it.

In conclusion, the Committee call upon the members of the Church, both Clergy and Laity, to unite in thanksgiving to Almighty God for the many blessings already bestowed, and to resolve that, both by their prayers and labors, they will still continue to work in their Master's vineyard, being assured that "in due time they shall receive their reward, if they faint not."

The reports for the past year exhibit the following summary :

Number of families,	-	-	-	-	-	705
Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	-	124	} 472
Infants,	-	-	-	-	348	
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	134
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	1038
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	49
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	131
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	97
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	673
Contributions,	-	-	-	-	-	\$9823 50

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. A. FOX, Chairman.

The following was proposed as a new Canon, on the subject of "PARISH REGISTERS," to come in immediately after the present seventeenth Canon :

CANON XVIII.—It shall be the duty of the Rector of each Parish in this Diocese, to keep in a well-bound book, to be kept for that purpose, an accurate register of the families and adult persons, by name, in their respective Parishes; including in the case of families, father, mother and children; and shall mark therein those who are communicants; and shall also keep in said book a register of those who are born, are baptized, are confirmed, are married, die, and are buried, in their respective Parishes." And in case there be no Rector in any Parish, the Senior, or in his absence, the Junior Warden, shall attend to said duty. And if the Bishop, or any other than the Parish Minister, shall baptize, marry or bury any person in the limits of any other Parish in this Diocese, he shall give a written statement thereof to the Rector, or in his absence, to one of the Wardens of said Parish.

Pending a motion to refer the same to the Committee on Constitution and Canons, the whole subject was laid on the table.

The Committee on Diocesan Schools presented the following report, which was received, read and agreed to, and the resolutions thereto appended, were severally adopted :

## REPORT

### OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Diocesan Schools beg leave to report :

That they have performed the duty assigned to them with mingled emotions of pleasure and pain, of gratulations and regret. These have severally been elicited as your Committee proceeded to consider the condition, respectively, of the several Institutions of learning, connected either directly or indirectly with the Church in this Diocese.

St. Thomas' Hall, in the efficiency and faithfulness of its Faculty, in its well-grounded promise of permanency, and in all its appointments and associations, affords your Committee the privilege, as they conceive it to be their duty also, to commend it to all who truly love the Church as an Institution eminently worthy, in all respects, of their entire confidence and patronage.

Your Committee dwell with pleasure, also, on the well-earned and deservedly increasing reputation of the private school established by the Rev. Thomas S. Savage, at Pas Christian.

While, from the first named, (St. Thomas' Hall,) your Committee are firmly persuaded its patrons may, in full confidence, look to see their sons come forth as plants that have grown by the water side, and giving promise of becoming stately trees of usefulness, both in Church and State,—so from the forenamed Female Institution may equal hope be entertained, that the daughter of the Church will issue forth as polished corners of the Temple, qualified both mentally and morally to adorn and bless.

Your Committee have been called, however, to consider more particularly the case of St. Andrew's College. Here, they are free to say, that in giving expression to feelings of sincere regret, they do but sympathize with the entire Church in this Diocese ; responding also, as is believed all must do, with that portion of our Bishop's Address on the present occasion, and wherein we all must see the deep sorrow that hath filled his heart, because of its failure.

While your Committee are wholly indisposed to attribute the failure of the College to any one special cause ; they have yet little hesitation in saying that the late repeated appearance of pestilence in its vicinity, if not the principal one, was doubtless greatly promotive of that failure. Under existing circumstances, and in full consideration of the already accumulated and accumulative difficulties and obstacles that present themselves when contemplating the possi-

ble revival of St. Andrew's College, the Committee feel bound to confess themselves unprepared to propose or recommend to this Convention any measure looking to its resuscitation as a College. By reference to a resolution passed at the last Convention, it will be seen that the Trustees have, in the opinion of your Committee, virtually pronounced it as indefinitely postponed, (vide, page 67, Journal of last Convention.)

Having learned that the condition there set forth remains uncomplied with, and presuming the Trustees to be the legally authorized agents to direct its concerns, it remains only that your Committee should submit the following resolutions as embodying the substance of their action.

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient for this Convention, to adopt any measure recommendatory or otherwise, looking to the revival of St. Andrew's College, as such.

*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the College are hereby requested to consider the expediency of relinquishing the Charter of the College, (if deemed necessary,) with a view to the establishment of a Diocesan Primary or High School, either as a male or female Institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. M. MILLER, Chairman.

The following report of the Rector of St. Andrew's College, was presented and read to the Convention :\*

## REPORT

### OF THE RECTOR OF ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE.

*To the Rt. Reverend W. M. Green, Chancellor of the College :*

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR : After my last Annual Report, I have continued to discharge the duties of Rector of this College, up to Feb. 1st, 1856, when the Institution was suspended by the Trustees. To near the close of the term ending the 1st August last, the patronage of the College continued to increase, and many indications of returning prosperity appeared. During the months of September and October last, Jackson suffered another severe visitation of pestilence, and on resuming the exercises of the College, the number of pupils was very small. When the pestilence disappeared, the number was increased, but not sufficiently to permit us to proceed, and the College was, therefore, closed on the 1st of Feb. last.

In some manner, a report found its way into the newspapers, when the fever prevailed most violently, that four cases occurred at the College, and though it was entirely a mistake, (*for none ever occurred there*), and was promptly contradicted, the report produced its natural

\* The above report of the Rector of St. Andrew's College, was presented and read among the Parochial Reports, and was filed away among them. It was consequently overlooked by the Secretary, in preparing the Journal for the press, and is therefore inserted here as the most appropriate place left. It should have followed the Bishop's Journal and Address.—SAC'R.



effect. In accordance with previous predictions, based on the condition of another visitation of the yellow fever at Jackson, that this College would be deserted and closed, an opinion widely prevailed to that effect. There came to my knowledge, I presume, twenty instances of young gentlemen who had fixed on this College as their choice of a place to procure their education. Some were about to leave home for the purpose, others were on their way, and some came to the neighborhood, but being confidently assured that this College was soon to be discontinued, they resorted to other Institutions, or returned to their parents.

I lament, most deeply, the failure of this enterprise. Had the endowment, which I earnestly pressed in my last report, been raised, the College would now be safe. That, it seems, could not be done, and the result is what we see.

On the 15th of January last, when the Trustees took final action in relation to the suspension of the College, among other resolutions, they passed the following in reference to myself:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of St. Andrew's College, retain their entire confidence in the integrity, fidelity and capacity of the Rev. Joshua Sweet, the recent Rector of the College, and that they do not, in any way, impute the ill-success of the Institution to any want of skill or management on his part; nor attribute the necessity of its suspension to him. The blow was inflicted before he became connected with it, in the severe visitation of the yellow fever of 1853, and other subsequent causes. The Trustees regret the necessity which closes the doors of the College, and parts their pleasant association with its late Rector, and tender to him their heartiest wishes for his success in any new field of labor or enterprise he may undertake.

WM. C. SMEDES, Secretary of the Board.

In parting from the College, its Chancellor and Trustees, I warmly respond to the resolution passed by the Board of Trustees, and fully reciprocate the confidence and high regard which they express.

The Financial Reports have been rendered from time to time during the year, and committed to the hands of the Secretary, except for the month of January last. This, so far as the data are in my possession, is added.

The amount I have received (as per book) for dues since Oct. 1st, 1855, is: - - - - - \$239 40

Paid out as follows:

Mar. 5, 1856,	Whiting & Kowler,	-	-	-	\$18 38
Feb. 25,	" W. B. Carroll,	-	-	-	5 50
Mar. 4,	" H. Mangin,	-	-	-	14 00
Feb. 4,	" Mrs. Wright,	-	-	-	9 00
Feb. 4,	" Dr. Preen,	-	-	-	15 00
Feb. 6,	" O. P. Wright,	-	-	-	3 75
Feb. 6,	" J. Siwalter,	-	-	-	22 50
Feb. 6,	" Geo. M. Keller,	-	-	-	2 40
Feb.	" L. O. Harris,	-	-	-	36 25

Amount carried forward, : : \$126 33

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Mar. 12,	" Ellis & Ledbetter,	-	-	16 60
Jan. 30,	" H. Q. Daniel,	-	-	24 33
Jan. 30,	" C. A. Moor,	-	-	4 80

Items charged to me by mistake of W. J. Brown, which should have been charged to the College, which I paid, with a bill made on my own account, and took my pay out of money belonging to the College, March 1, 1856,—Items:

Nov. 14, 1855,	1 Molasses Pitcher,	-	-	\$1 75
" "	1 Dozen Tumblers,	-	-	2 50
" "	10 lbs White Sugar,	-	-	1 60
" "	Difference of Buckets,	-	-	15
				<hr/> \$ 6 00
Money charged to J. Sweet, by himself, up to Feb. 6,				\$1 40

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\$239 60

The balance of \$239 40 was collected and expended previous to Jan. 1st, 1856, and is received in vouchers previous to that date.

There now remains due for tuition, (Geo. S. Yerger, Esq; took the bill,) from—

Chas. Scott,	-	-	-	\$65 00
Chas. Dudley,	-	-	-	10 00
				<hr/> \$45 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA SWEET, Late Rector St. Andrew's College,

The following resolutions were severally offered, and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi, be directed to procure a suitable and well-bound book for the use of the Bishop, in which he may record an accurate account of all his Episcopal acts; which book shall be carefully preserved for the use of the future Bishops of the Diocese.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Convention be required to prepare and have printed, a suitable number of Blank Parochial Reports, according to the form now prescribed in the Canons, and to transmit, at least one month prior to each Convention, two copies of said Blank Reports to each Parish, its Rector, Minister, or one of its Wardens. And one of such Blank Reports shall be duly filled up, and presented to the Bishop at each Diocesan Convention, by each Parish Minister, or if there be no Minister, by one of the Wardens.

*Resolved*, That in conformity with the request of the "Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi," lately in session, the proceedings of its annual meeting, and the Constitution of said Society, be printed in an Appendix to the Journal of this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the sincere and heart-felt thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to the Rector and Vestry of Christ Church, and to the citizens of Vicksburg generally, for their kindness, courtesy, and hospitality; and that the Rev. W. W. Lord, and Messrs. Smedes, Teppan and Bigelow, be requested to carry this resolution into effect.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Convention cause to be printed, nine hundred

copies of the proceedings of this Convention; furnish the Bishop with two hundred copies thereof, and distribute the balance in his discretion.

The following preamble and resolution was introduced and unanimously passed:

**WHEREAS**, This Convention, since its last session in this place, has lost, by death, one of its most prominent and esteemed members, Rev. A. D. Corbyn, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson:

**Resolved**, That in the death of this Clergyman, this Convention feels that this Diocese has lost one of its most able and faithful ministers, one of its most effective Pastors in the arduous and unobtrusive duties of parochial labor; and that in his fearless devotion to his flock, in the midst of the dreadful ravages of the epidemic of which he at last fell at his post, a noble martyr and victim, he has left an example which will be long cherished in our memories and breasts, as an incitement to count not our lives dear unto ourselves in faithfully performing our Master's work, until we shall be summoned hence to join him who has gone before us, to his bright and eternal reward.

**Resolved**, That the Secretary of this Convention be instructed to transmit the above resolution to his widow.

The following resolution was introduced and adopted:

**Resolved**, That a Committee of two laymen, with the Bishop as Chairman, be appointed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Rules of Order, as to provide for a systematic method of conducting the business of future Conventions.

Messrs. James S. Johnston and Giles M. Hillyer were appointed upon such Committee.

The following amendment was offered to Canon XVI, which was, on motion, adopted:

"Amend Canon XVI., by adding at its close the following words: 'And the said Rector shall embrace in his Parochial Report to the Bishop of the Diocese, the amount received at each collection.'"

The following amendment was proposed to Canon XIII:

"Amend Canon XIII, Sec. 1, by adding at its close the following words: 'Provided; that any two or more of the Clergy may agree to hold a Convocation in one or other of their respective Parishes; and that the Bishop be informed thereof, requesting his presence, if such information and request can be conveniently made to him; it being understood that notice of such Convocation shall be given to the Bishop, at least one month before the appointed time.'"

A motion was made and carried to lay the said proposed amendment to Canon XIII., on the table.

A motion was then made to repeal Sec. 1, Canon XIII.

A motion was made to lay this motion on the table, but the same was lost.

The question recurring on the motion to repeal said Sec. 1, of Canon XIII, the same was also lost.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report,

in relation to the Fund for Contingent Expenses, and the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, which was received and agreed to, and the resolutions accompanying the same, were, on motion, adopted :

## REPORT

### OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, IN RELATION TO CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

The Committee on Finance have examined the report of the Treasurer of the Convention with the accompanying account, and find the same, in all things, correct. They offer, therefore, the following resolutions, viz :

1. *Resolved*, That the report of the Treasurer of the Convention be, and the same is hereby allowed, and ordered to be spread upon the Journal of the Convention.

2. *Resolved*, That it is great injustice to the Treasurer of the Convention, whose labors, as Secretary, are onerous and entirely gratuitous, to add to them the necessity of advancing from his own means, the money requisite to print the Journals; and

*Therefore be it further Resolved*, That the delinquent Parishes, as stated in his report, be, and they are hereby earnestly invoked by the Convention to pay at once and promptly, the amount in which they are severally in arrears.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. SMEDES, Chairman of Committee.

On motion, ordered that the following changes be made in the form of Parochial Reports set forth in Canon IX., viz :

To insert after the word, "*Communicants*," the words  
*"Former number—whites,* - - - - - { *Total,*  
*Colored,* - - - - - }

And after the words "*Present number*," to insert the words  
*White,* - - - - - { *Total,*  
*Colored,* - - - - - }

Also, to insert after the words "*Contributions connected with the Church*," the following :

<i>For Diocesan Missions, First Collection, (specifying time,)</i>	\$
<i>For Diocesan Missions, Second Collection, (specifying time,)</i>	\$
<i>For Diocesan Missions from Individual Contributors,</i>	\$
<i>For Diocesan Missions from other Sources,</i>	\$
<i>For Domestic Missions,</i>	\$
<i>For Foreign Missions,</i>	\$
<i>For Bishop's Salary,</i>	\$
<i>For Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,</i>	\$
<i>For Parochial Schools,</i>	\$
<i>For Communion Alms,</i>	\$
<i>For other purposes, as follows, (specifying them,)</i>	\$

On motion, ordered that the following amendment be adopted to the 1st Section of Canon XIII:

To add at the end of said Section, the words: "*At each Convocation, a collection shall be taken up for Diocesan Missions.*"

No further business appearing before the Convention, a motion to adjourn *sine die* was made and carried.

The minutes of this day were examined and approved.

Whereupon, the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, after prayers, and the Apostolic Benediction, declared the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Mississippi, adjourned *sine die*.

GILES MUMFORD HILLYER,  
Secretary.

## APPENDIX A.

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# PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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### Trinity Church, Natchez.

The undersigned respectfully reports that he has had temporary charge of Trinity Church, Natchez, since November last; that owing to his duties in Jefferson College, he has not had an opportunity of ascertaining the present condition of the Parish, and, therefore, is unable to give a statement of it:

Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	-	1	}	5
Children,	-	-	-	-	4		
Confirmations, (including one in private,)	-	-	-	-	-		6
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	-		7
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-		1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-		5
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	-	10	}	55
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	45		

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	\$520 00
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	201 00
General Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	139 00
Contingent Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	40 00
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	440 00
Sunday School, toward education of two students at Natchez,	-	-	-	-	-	125 00
Communion Alms, about,	-	-	-	-	-	250 00

\$1715 00

CHARLES REIGHLEY.

PHILADELPHIA, April 9, 1856.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR: As a Presbyter of the Diocese of Mississippi, and in anticipation of the approaching meeting of the Annual Convention, I send you the following report:

Ten months have passed, since I left my field of labor at Natchez. The melancholy cause which led to my premature departure from that

Parish, has given direction to all my subsequent movements. Much of my time has been devoted to the watchful and anxious duties of the sick-room. With a few solitary exceptions, I have been able to devote the Sundays to the public duties of the Sanctuary, and thus have performed nearly as many ministerial offices, as I should have done, had my connection with the Parish of Trinity Church continued unbroken.

In the latter part of the last autumn, seeing no prospect of being able to return to my Parish, within a reasonable period, I felt constrained to resign my cure. With many a painful regret, this trying duty was discharged, which put an end to my official connection with Trinity Church.

I will only add, that no change of residence or associations, which in the Providence of God may await me, will ever dim the memory of my brief, but most happy ministry at Natchez, or in any degree diminish the deep interest which I feel in your extensive and important Diocese, and my sincere affection and respect for yourself.

Faithfully and respectfully yours,

WM. R. BABCOCK.

The Rt. Rev. WM. M. GREEN, D. D.

### St. Paul's Church, Woodville.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodville, Wilkinson county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the Register :

Families—Number of	-	-	-	-	-	32
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	1 }	3
Children, “	-	-	-	-	2 }	
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	4	2
Removed,	-	-	-	-	2	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	40
Marriages—Whites,	-	-	-	-	5 }	6
Colored,	-	-	-	-	1 }	
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	1

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	\$75 00
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
Contingent Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	15 00

\$105 00

ISAAC PARDEE.

### Christ Church, Church Hill.

The Rector respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families—About,	-	-	-	-	-	35	
Baptisms—White infants,	-	-	-	-	6	}	0
Colored infants,	-	-	-	-	3		
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	4	}	8
Colored,	-	-	-	-	4		
Communicants—Removed,	-	-	-	-	3	}	55
Added, white,	-	-	-	-	4		
Colored,	-	-	-	-	4		
Present number—White,	-	-	-	-	45	}	55
Colored,	-	-	-	-	10		
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 30 00
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	28 50
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	90 50
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	200 00
Convention Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Communion Aids,	-	-	-	-	-	65 65
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						\$464 55

B. M. MILLER, Rector.

### Christ Church, Vicksburg.

The Rector reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, as follows :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	85	
Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	-	7	}	20
Infants,	-	-	-	-	13		
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Communicants—Died,	-	-	-	-	3	}	115
Removed,	-	-	-	-	3		
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-		
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	-	12	}	92
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	80		



## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Incidental Expenses of Church,	\$768 00
For Diocesan Missions,	152 45
For General Mission Board N. Y.,	102 00
Communion Alms,	160 05
For Bishop's Salary and Contingent Expense Fund,	350 00

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\$1527 45

The difference in the number of families and of Communicants, reported for the present and the past year, is not due to any falling off in the number of either. On the contrary, the number of communicants has been increased by at least three-fourths of the number confirmed last year. It has been found that the *basis* of last year's report, which, in the defect or loss of a Church Record for several years previous to the commencement of my Rectorship, was necessarily imperfect, needed amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. LORD.

## St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf.

The late Rector of St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	8
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	2	} 12
Colored,	-	-	-	-	1	
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	8	
Colored,	-	-	-	-	1	
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Marriages—Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	11

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary, to July 1, 1856,	\$20 00
Contingent Expenses of Convention,	5 00
Total,	\$25 00

The foregoing report is made up to Jan. 1, 1856, when my resignation of the charge of the Parish took effect.

During the prevalence of sickness, for three months last summer, I confined my services to Grand Gulf, with the consent of the Vestry of St. Joseph's Church, in Louisiana, of which I then had joint charge. I feel some confidence in entertaining the hope that the prejudices of many without the Church, in that Parish, have relaxed, and that the

attachment of those united to her, has been strengthened and established.

A most laudable liberality has been displayed by the few members of St. Paul's Church, in order to induce a Minister to reside permanently in the Parish, and give it his undivided services.

I sincerely trust the attainment of so just a desire may not long be deferred.

JNO. PHILSON.

### St. Matthew's Church, Clinton.

The Minister of St. Matthew's Church, Clinton, Hinds county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	-	0	}	2
Children,	-	-	-	-	2		
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	1		
Died,	-	-	-	-	0		
Removed,	-	-	-	-	8		
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

The undersigned has only recently been invited to take charge of this Parish, and has not yet entered on his duties, but expects to commence them in the ensuing month of May.

The above report is necessarily very imperfect, in consequence of his present limited acquaintance with the flock.

F. ELWELL.

### St. Mark's Church, Raymond.

The Rector of St. Mark's Church, Raymond, Hinds county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	-	8	}	21
Children,	-	-	-	-	13		
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	4		
Died,	-	-	-	-	1		
Removed,	-	-	-	-	6		
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Domestic Missions,	- - - - -	\$ 5 00
Diocesan Missions,	- - - - -	2 70
Weekly Offerings,	- - - - -	40 35

The undersigned took charge of the Parish in the month of January, 1856. The services are well attended, and the Church appears to be growing.

F. ELWELL.

## St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

Number of families,	- - - - -	23
Baptisms—White, adult,	- - - - - 1	} 13
Infants,	- - - - - 4	
Colored infants,	- - - - - 8	
Communicants,	- - - - -	52
Died during the year,	- - - - -	2
Removed,	- - - - -	4
Sunday School—Scholars, white,	- - - - - 6	} 64
Colored,	- - - - - 50	
Teachers,	- - - - - 8	
Funerals,	- - - - -	3
Collected for Bishop's Salary,	- - - - -	\$30

The Rector having resigned the Parish previous to the expiration of the Conventional year, will account for the comparative small amount of collections exhibited by the present report. It is with much regret he has to notice the very little that has yet been done towards the erection of the new Church edifice, owing to circumstances over which he has no control. In other respects there has been a gradual improvement in the state of the Parish during the last two years, and he is satisfied that nothing, under God, is wanting but a little more unity and energy of action among themselves, to place it upon a prosperous and permanent footing.

T. S. W. MOTT.

## Christ Church, Holly Springs,

The Rector of Christ Church, Holly Springs, reports to the Bishop as follows:

Families—Number of,	- - - - -	31
Baptisms—Adults, white,	- - - - - 2	} 17
Children,	- - - - - 7	
Children, colored,	- - - - - 2	

Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	6
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	9	
Died,	-	-	-	2	
Removed,	-	-	-	7	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	51
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	6
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	8
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	6	} 46
Scholars,	-	-	-	40	
Contributions connected with the Church,	-	-	-	-	\$220
					G. W. SILL.

### St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

The undersigned reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	62
Baptisms—Infants, white,	-	-	-	24	} 35
Adults, " "	-	-	-	9	
" Colored,	-	-	-	2	
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	13
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	18	} 102
Died,	-	-	-	5	
Suspended,	-	-	-	1	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	8
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	27
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	44
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	7	} 37
Scholars,	-	-	-	37	
The contributions, together with the Communion Alms, have been about,	-	-	-	-	\$565 00

EDWARD DENNISTON, Deacon,  
In temporary Charge of the Parish.

*To the Rt. Rev., Wm. M. Green, Bishop of the Diocese of Miss.:*

The undersigned, Chaplain to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, respectfully reports that since his appointment in December last, he has held regular services every Sunday morning except two, and that during that time he has baptised seven of the convicts, and has received much encouragement from the interest which many of them take in the services of the Church. They are generally attentive, and desirous of instruction in her pure and primitive doctrines.

April 25, 1856,

E. DENNISTON, Deacon.

### Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne County.

The late Rector reports to the Bishop, that his labors ceased in this Parish on the 18th Dec. last. Since the last Convention he has

Baptised—Children, white,	-	-	-	4	}	52
Colored,	-	-	-	48		
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	1

At Gallatin his labors ceased about the same time :

Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	3	}	10
Children,	-	-	-	7		
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	4

WILLARD PRESBURY.

### Church of Epiphany, Claiborne County.

The present Rector entered upon the charge of this Parish in January last. He makes the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	10
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	2	-	
Died,	-	-	-	1	-	
Removed,	-	-	-	3	-	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	14

Out of the Parish the Rector has

Baptised—Children,	-	-	-	2	}	8
Adults,	-	-	-	6		

The Sunday School was re-opened on Easter Sunday; the attendance is small.

Service for the servants will be commenced on the 1st Sunday in May.

There have been no confirmations in this Parish since the last Convention, as the Bishop's visitation was unexpected, and therefore, no preparation had been made for his coming.

R. H. WELLER, Rector.

### St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County.

This little congregation has been much diminished during the last two years, by the death or removal of those who, heretofore, have united with us in the worship of God, and in efforts to promote the increase of the Kingdom of Christ.

The number of families was nine : now it is only six :

Baptisms—Infant, white,	-	-	-	1	}	7
Colored,	-	-	-	6		

Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Removed, white,	-	-	-	-	6		
Died,	-	-	-	-	1		
Added,	-	-	-	-	1		
Present number,	-	-	-	-	11		
Colored, present number,	-	-	-	-	22		33
Marriages—Whites,	-	-	-	-	1		
Colored,	-	-	-	-	4		5
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-		3

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 5 50
For Bishop, (paid up to July,)	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Contingent Expenses of Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00

WM. FOGG, Rector.

## Trinity Church, Yazoo City.

The undersigned offers the following report to the Bishop of the Diocese:

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	26
Baptisms—White infants,	-	-	-	-	7	
Colored “	-	-	-	-	7	14
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants—Former number,	-	-	-	-	21	
Added,	-	-	-	-	3	24
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	9
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	-	3	
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	20	23

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary, to July 1st, 1856,	-	-	-	-	\$ 80 00
Missions,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Repairing of Church edifice,	-	-	-	-	185 00

Total, - - - - - \$275 00

I resigned the charge of this Parish on the 1st of March, 1856.

WM. PARKER SCOTT.

## St. John's Church, Pontotoc.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Pontotoc, reports to the Bishop of Mississippi as follows:

Families—Number of	-	-	-	-	-	11
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	-	6

Communicants, - - - - -	16
Funerals, - - - - -	1

The contributions of this Parish have not been large; the members are not able to give much; yet they have not come up to their ability.

But few changes have taken place during the last year in this place. They are anxious to have a new Church building, and will, if possible, make some effort to that end this year. A lot of eight acres has been secured; a beautiful and convenient location for a Church.

THOS. B. LAWSON.

### Ascension Church, Hernando.

The Rector of Ascension Church, Hernando, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese as follows:

Families—Number of, - - - - -	9
Baptisms—Adults, white, - - - - -	4
Children, " - - - - -	6
Colored, - - - - -	2
Confirmations, - - - - -	7
Communicants—Added, - - - - -	13
Marriages, - - - - -	0
Funerals, - - - - -	0
Sunday School—Teachers, - - - - -	5
Scholars, from - - - - -	15 to 20

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary, - - - - -	\$10 00
Contingent Expenses, - - - - -	15 00
Traveling Expenses, - - - - -	25 00
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	\$40 00

This weak and discouraging Parish, (after a long struggle for existence,) has began to revive. The hitherto migratory character of the people, has kept it in a very unsettled condition, but the Rector hopes, and believes, that it is now, (though on a small scale,) firmly established, with a favorable prospect of increase.

ANDREW MATTHEWS, Rector.

### St. John's Church, Aberdeen.

Families—Number of, - - - - -	20
Baptisms—Adults, - - - - -	2
Children, - - - - -	15
Communicants, - - - - -	16

The Parish is still heavily in debt, and this acts as a dead weight upon its prosperity. My expectations have not been realized in regard to the liquidation of the debt, and it now amounts to about \$2100.

Owing to the health of my family, and other important considerations, I have felt it my duty to resign the charge of the Parish, to take effect on the 1st of April. There are a number of candidates for confirmation, and when the weather was favorable, my congregations have been, uniformly, good. But with so large an amount of indebtedness, the Church wheels drag heavily on.

CHARLES H. DISBROW, Late Rector.

### Grace Church, Canton.

The Rector of Grace Church, Canton, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	26
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	9	} 18
Children, “	-	-	-	7	
“ colored,	-	-	-	2	
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	4	} 37
Removed,	-	-	-	2	
Died,	-	-	-	2	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	37
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	2
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	9
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	12	} 65
Scholars,	-	-	-	53	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	\$ 40 00
Contingent Expenses of Convention,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Insurance of Rector's life,	-	-	-	-	135 00
Collections and Contributions for Society for Diffusion of	-	-	-	-	
Christian Knowledge,	-	-	-	-	30 50
Communion Alms and Monthly Offerings,	-	-	-	-	40 30
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HENRY SANSOM.

### St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood.

The Rector of St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood, Madison county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	7
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Baptisms—Infants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants—Last reported,	-	-	-	-	17	-	
Added,	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	17

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$50 00
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Contingent Fund, 1855-6,	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Christian Knowledge Society,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18 00
Other objects,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$145 00

THOS. D. OZANNE, Rector.

## Trinity Church, Pas Christian.

The Minister of Trinity Church, Pas Christian, Harrison county, reports to the Bishop the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
Baptisms—Children,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	5	-	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	2	-	
Died,	-	-	-	-	2	-	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Sunday School—Teachers,	-	-	-	-	12	-	
Scholars, white,	-	-	-	-	63	-	
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	30	-	
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## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Foreign Missions—Africa,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$140 00
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
Contingent Expenses of the Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
Communion Offerings,	-	-	-	-	-	-	52 05

\$332 05

THOS. S. SAVAGE.

### St. Peter's Church, Oxford.

The Rector of St. Peter's Church, Oxford, reports to the Bishop as follows :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41

Contributions for Church purposes, \$35 00

No important change has occurred in the condition of this Parish during the past year. The services of the Church are attended by a large and increasing congregation ; but of those who attend, only a limited number belong properly to the Parish.

The duties of the Rector, as an officer of the State University, have been more than usually confining, for many months past, and he has consequently been prevented from giving the amount of attention to parochial duty which could be desired. Some change in this respect, for the better, is anticipated hereafter.

The effort to erect a Church edifice in Oxford, to which allusion was made in the last report of the undersigned, has not yet proved successful. The attempts hitherto made to interest other portions of the Diocese in the object, have met with so little encouragement, that the Vestry have been, recently, led to contemplate the erection of a wooden building of sufficient capacity to accommodate the present congregation ; though such an edifice will hardly be adequate to supply the constantly increasing wants of the Parish. The rapid growth of the University of Mississippi in this place, an Institution which now numbers—students and officers with their families included—about two hundred and fifty persons, and of which the increase in members has been, during the last year, about seventy, renders it very desirable that the Church building in this place should be commodious, spacious, and if possible, somewhat sightly. The Parish is, however, too feeble to build such an edifice, and is, by the necessity of the case, compelled to limit its views to a provision for its own immediate wants.

F. A. P. BARNARD, Rector,

### Calvary Church, Holmes County.

The Rector of Calvary Church, Holmes county, respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the Registrar of the Parish :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Children, colored, -	-	-	-	-	7	-	8

Confirmed, - - - - -		3
Communicants—Added, - - - - -	2	
Present number, - - - - -		18
Sunday School—Teachers, - - - - -	2	
Scholars, - - - - -	8	10

CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Assessment for Bishop's Salary, - - - - -	\$20 00
Assessment for Contingent Fund, - - - - -	5 00
Domestic Missions, - - - - -	10 00
Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	16 50
Nashotah Theological Seminary, - - - - -	15 00
Parish purposes, - - - - -	14 15
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	\$80 65

In addition to the above, the Sewing Society of the Parish has, from avails of their industry, expended something more than one hundred dollars in painting and furnishing the Church.

At the visitation of the Bishop in December, the Church was duly consecrated to the worship of Almighty God. The congregations are regular in attendance upon public worship; and the Parish, though still feeble, is united and prosperous. B. HALSTED, Rector.

St. John's Church, Early Grove.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Early Grove, and of St. Thomas' Hall, Holly Springs, respectfully reports to the Bishop as follows :

Baptisms—Adults, white, - - - - -	5	
Infants, " - - - - -	1	
Adults, colored, - - - - -	8	28
Infants, colored, - - - - -	14	
Confirmations—White, - - - - -	9	
Colored, - - - - -	8	17
Marriages, - - - - -		3
Present number of Communicants—White, - - - - -	22	
Colored, - - - - -	10	32
Removed, - - - - -		3
Contributions, about, - - - - -		\$100 00

At a late meeting in this Parish, energetic steps were taken to establish a Parish School, and about \$8,500 raised towards the object. The amount will be easily increased to \$5,000, and the buildings be ready for use about the 1st of February, 1857.

Respectfully,  
J. W. ROGERS, Rector.

### St. Thomas' Hall, Holly Springs.

During the past year ninety boys were matriculated. There are at present five teachers. The buildings have been greatly improved, and every thing seems in a promising condition.

J. W. ROGERS, Rector.

### Grace Church, Okolona.

The Rector of this Parish reports to the Bishop of Mississippi as follows :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	5
Baptisms—Adults, black,	-	-	-	3	12
Children, “	-	-	-	9	
Communicants—White,	-	-	-	9	21
Black,	-	-	-	12	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary,	\$10 00
Contingent Expenses,	5 00

I have nothing particular to remark of this Parish. The people in this community are generally absorbed in the pursuit of wealth, and take little interest in religious matters, unless aroused by a spasmodic “two day's meeting,” a few days after which they care for none of these things.

I have here a female school under my charge and instruction. In the Church I “preach the Gospel,” and in the school “teach them to observe these things.”

I also preach once a month at Pikeville, eight miles from Okolona. I have good hope of building up a Parish here. Mr. Charles Gates and his son, Dr. Gates, have repaired an old house in which we worship, and are zealous in the cause of the Church.

Once a month last summer and fall I preached at Houston, but during the winter I gave it up, and have not since renewed my appointment.

THOS. B. LAWSON.

### Chapel of the Cross.

The Rector of the Chapel of the Cross reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the Register of his Parish :

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	8
Baptisms—Adults, colored,	-	-	-	21	24
Infants,	-	-	-	3	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	1	26
Colored,	-	-	-	25	
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	25	
Removed,	-	-	-	3	

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Present number—White,	83	51
Colored,	48	
Marriages—White,	1	4
Colored,	1	
Sunday School—Teachers,	1	76
Scholars, colored,	75	

CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary,	\$20 00
Contingent Expenses of Convention,	5 00
Foreign Missions, (in Africa,) by colored congregation,	15 00
Foreign Missions, (in Africa,) by white congregation,	6 60
Society for Diffusion of Christian Knowledge,	22 00

HENRY SANSOM.

St. John's Chapel, Annadale.

The Lay Reader at St. John's Chapel, Annadale, Yazoo county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families—Number of,	-	1
Baptisms—Colored,	-	5
Communicants—White,	5	15
Colored,	10	
Funerals,	-	1
Sunday School—Teachers,	3	29
Scholars,	26	

CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Parish Assessment,	\$ 5 00
Bishop's Fund,	20 00
Diocesan Missions, etc.,	20 00

Total,

\$45 00

JONATHAN A. WAINWRIGHT.

Rev. James A. Fox, reports to the Bishop that since the last Convention he has performed the following services:

Baptisms—Children, white,	4	13
colored,	2	
Marriage,	-	1
Funerals,	-	1

Vicksburg, April 25, 1856.

JAS. A. FOX.

To the Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D. D.,

*Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi :*

The undersigned begs leave to report that since the meeting of last Convention, he has resigned the Parishes of St. Matthew's, Clinton, and St. Mark's, Raymond, and since the beginning of present year has been performing ministerial duty on Deer Creek, near Greenville, Washington county.

As yet there is no organised Parish in this place, which has been deferred from motives of expediency. A Church building has been contracted for, but will not be commenced before the end of the year. Services are held regularly every Sunday in a private house, which prevents the attendance of some.

There are about fifteen families and twelve communicants; one adult and ten children have been received into the Church by Baptism. There have also been three Confirmations.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PHILSON.

To the Rt. Rev., Wm. M. Green, D. D.,

*Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi :*

I took charge of the Sea Coast Mission in the month of July, 1855; holding Divine Service on each Lord's Day, in the following order :

The first and second Sunday of each month at Biloxi, morning and evening; on the third Sunday at Mississippi City, in the morning; in the afternoon at Handsboro, a small town one mile distant; on the fourth Sunday at Bay of St. Louis, morning and evening.

These services I continued regularly up to the last of October. At each of the above stations I found a few communicants of the Church. The congregations, however, were quite large and attentive. After this the Vestry of the "Church of the Redeemer," at Biloxi, invited me to remain with them permanently, as Rector, offering as a salary \$600, which invitation I accepted.

In this place, ever since the 1st of November, I have held Divine Service twice on each Lord's Day, and once during the week; and during the season of Lent I held Divine Service four times each week. Our congregations have more than doubled in number. Since that time I have baptized *one* adult and *eleven* infants, attended *seven* funerals, one only, however, was a communicant of the Church. Though our progress has been slow, we have much to encourage us, and to feel thankful for, to the Great Head of the Church, Jesus Christ the Saviour of man.

We have at present large congregations, considering the size of the place, a flourishing Sunday School, numbering about *eighty* scholars and *ten* teachers, with a library suited to our present wants.

We have fitted up very neatly the basement of the Masonic Hall, which serves us both as a Sunday School room, and a place of worship. Our motto is "Christ and the Church."

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. WHITALL, Missionary.

BLOXI MISSION, April 19, 1856.

### Hurricane and Diamond Place.

The Rev. F. W. Damus, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement of the two Missionary stations:

#### HURRICANE.

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	1
Baptisms—Adults, colored,	-	-	-	4	} 16
Children, white,	-	-	-	3	
" colored,	-	-	-	9	
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	11
Marriages—Colored,	-	-	-	-	4
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	2

#### DIAMOND PLACE.

Families—Number of,	-	-	-	-	3
Baptisms—Adults, colored,	-	-	-	2	} 6
Children, white,	-	-	-	1	
" colored,	-	-	-	3	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	3	} 4
Colored,	-	-	-	1	
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	4	} 23
Removed,	-	-	-	1	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	23
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	5
Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	\$54 65

F. W. DAMUS, Missionary.

*Rt. Rev. William M. Green, D. D., Bishop of Diocese:*

At the time of my former report I was engaged as Missionary in Yallobusha county, where I contrived to officiate regularly at Coffeenville and Oakachickama, until the 1st of August last, when I received your appointment as itinerant missionary with instructions to visit Panola, Tallahatchie, Yallobusha, Calhoun and Carroll counties. I immediately entered upon the field assigned me, and continued in the active discharge of its duties for the remainder of the year. The sudden

close of my labors, necessitated by ill health, precludes the possibility of presenting so full and accurate a report of the state of the Church, in these counties, as my be desired. The field is large, and the soil entirely new. In some parts the Church is quite unknown, and generally, if known at all, it is only by report. Many persons of adult years, confessed that I was "the first Episcopal Minister they had ever seen," and the Church services were often recited in the presence of many who had never witnessed the like before. So it seemed some work was done for the Church, if it were merely to apprise men of her existence. The points which I visited were chiefly as follows: In Panola county, Sledgeville and Panola; in Tallahatchie county, Charleston; in Yallobusha county, Coffeerville, Oakachickama and Grenada; in Carroll county, Duck Hill, Middleton, Carrollton, and Black Hawk. All these points were repeatedly visited, and I preached at them all, at some three or four times. The attendance was usually quite encouraging, and I rarely failed to find some persons present who could join in the responses, and thus aid in presenting our service in its true light, as a *common* prayer. The number of communicants in these counties is but few, and they are very much scattered. As near as could be ascertained there are:

In Panola county, four communicants.

In Tallahatchie county, two communicants.

In Yallobusha county, four communicants.

In Calhoun county, one communicant.

In Carroll county, ten communicants.

There are besides a goodly number of *baptized* members of the Church, not a few of whom, however, have attached themselves to some one of the various religious societies, showing how much have been needed the labors of an itinerancy in these destitute parts. In short my brief experience leads me to conclude that an itinerancy must be adopted by the Church ere she can hope to reach the uncaptured parts of our field, or retain her scattered sheep in fold.

S. J. HAYWARD.

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† The undersigned, Missionary in Carroll county, to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, respectfully reports that for the ten weeks he has been at his post, he has officiated once on a week day, and on every Sunday but one. He has visited Middleton twice, preaching on each occasion, and at Duck Hill once, holding there only a private service at a private house. At Carrollton he officiates every first and third Sunday in each month.

A. B. PEABODY, Missionary.



# SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	RECTOR OR MINISTER.	Families.....	Baptisms		Confirm't'ns	Communicants				S. Schools		Contribu'ns		
				Adults.	Infants		Added.	Died...	R'm'yd	Present Numb'r	Tesch's	Schol's			
Trinity,	Natchez,	Vacant,	150	1	4	6	7	0	0	147	1	5	10	45	\$1715 00
St. Paul's,	Woodville,	Isaac Pardee,	32	1	2	0	4	0	2	40	6	1	5	20	105 00
St. Mary's,	Laurel Hill,	Vacant,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00
Christ,	Church Hill,	B. M. Miller,	35	0	9	8	8	0	3	55	2	2	0	0	464 65
Christ,	Vicksburg,	W. W. Lord,	85	7	13	18	0	3	3	115	3	19	12	80	1527 50
St. Paul's,	Grand Gulf,	Vacant,	8	3	9	0	0	0	0	5	5	11	0	0	25 00
St. Matthew's,	Clinton,	F. Elwell,	15	0	2	0	1	0	8	14	0	0	0	0	0 00
St. Mark's,	Raymond,	F. Elwell,	12	8	13	3	4	1	6	13	1	4	0	0	49 00
St. Paul's,	Columbus,	Vacant,	23	1	12	0	0	2	4	52	0	3	8	56	30 00
Christ,	Holly Springs,	Vacant,	31	2	16	6	9	2	7	51	6	8	6	40	230 00
St. Andrew's,	Jackson,	Vacant,	62	9	26	13	18	5	0	102	8	27	7	37	565 00
Epiphany,	Claiborne,	R. H. Weller,	10	9	61	0	2	1	3	14	0	1	1	20	0 00
St. Andrew's,	Marshall,	Vacant,	6	0	7	1	1	1	6	33	5	3	0	0	65 50
Trinity,	Yazoo City,	Vacant,	26	0	14	3	3	0	0	24	0	9	3	20	275 00
St. John's,	Pontotoc,	T. B. Lawson,	11	6	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	1	0	0	0 00
Ascension,	Hernando,	A. Mathews,	9	4	8	7	6	0	0	13	0	0	5	20	40 00
St. John's,	Aberdeen,	Vacant,	20	2	15	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0 00
Grace,	Canton,	H. Sansom,	26	9	9	8	4	2	2	37	2	9	12	53	255 80
St. Philip's,	Kirkwood,	T. D. Orando,	7	0	4	0	1	0	1	17	0	0	0	0	145 00



### **Note to the Foregoing Summary.**

~~As~~ The Secretary of the Convention has, in the foregoing summary, in the cases of the following Parishes : St. Matthew's, Clinton; Trinity, Natchez; St. Luke's, Brandon; St. John's, Lake Washington; Church of the Advent, Washington; Church of the Messiah, the number of families and communicants are concerned.

Parochial Reports submitted, or where none were sent in, as far as Noxubee county and Dekalb; supplied the omissions made in the

This he has done, by inserting in the blank spaces, the number reported to the Convention of 1855.

It seemed important to present in those items especially, as near an approximation as possible to the true state of the Diocese; a result which could not have been obtained, with so many, and in two or three instances, so important Parishes, deficient in their reports.

## APPENDIX B.

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# CONSTITUTION AND CANONS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

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## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The Church in the Diocese of Mississippi acknowledges the authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

ART. II. There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese every year, at such time and place as may be fixed on by the preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church requires it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it; and, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee, on urgent reasons, may call a special Convention. When a special Convention is so called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in giving notice thereof, to specify the business and purposes for which it is to be assembled, and no other business shall be transacted than that which is thus specified, or necessarily connected with it.

ART. III. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergymen of the Church, of whatever order, canonically resident in the Diocese for three months prior to the session

of the Convention, shall be entitled to a seat in the same; and it is hereby made his duty to attend its deliberations.

Every Parish within this Diocese, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a Lay Delegate, or Lay Delegates not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Rector, a Warden, or the Secretary of the Parish, shall, before the admission to seats, be laid before the Convention : *Provided*, That no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate, unless he be a stated worshipper in the Parish which he represents. The delegation from each Parish shall be entitled, on a division, to but one vote.

ART. IV. New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes; *Provided*, They shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

ART. V. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be *ex-officio*, the President of the Convention; but, during a vacancy in the Episcopate, or in the absence or inability of the Bishop of the Diocese, the members shall elect a President from among the Presbyters; *Provided*, That, in the absence or inability of the Bishop of the Diocese, the Convention may invite the Bishop of any other Diocese to preside over the deliberations of the Convention, who, if he accept the invitation, shall have all the powers and privileges of the President of the Convention.

ART. VI. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Annual Convention.

ART. VII. The members of the Convention, present on due notification, and consisting of not less than three Clergymen, and Lay Delegates from three Parishes, shall constitute a quorum to transact the regular business of the Convention. The Clergy and Lay Delegates shall deliberate in one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for, in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Convention.

ART. VIII. When, on account of the prevalence of any epidemic or contagious disease, it shall be thought imprudent to hold the Convention at the place appointed, the Bishop may change it, by giving notice in some newspaper, and notifying the Ministers and Parishes.

ART. IX. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any Article, except at the Annual meetings of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

# CANONS.

## CANON I.

### OF THE ADMISSION OF CHURCHES.

**SECTION 1.** Whenever any number of persons shall associate to form an Episcopal Congregation, they shall adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and shall assume a suitable name, by which their Church or Parish shall be designated, and appoint not less than three, nor more than eleven, Vestrymen, and two Wardens. A certified copy of the Articles of Association, and of the proceedings at their adoption, shall then be laid before the Convention; and, if approved by that body, Delegates from that Congregation or Parish may take seats in the Convention: and the Congregation shall be considered as united to the Convention, and subject to its control.

**SEC. 2.** Every Parish, so organized, shall annually, on Easter Monday, or soon afterwards as may be, elect the same number of Vestrymen, or such number as the Vestry, at some meeting previous to the election, have designated, who shall be stated worshippers in the Church—who shall, as soon as may be after their election, assemble and appoint two Wardens, a Register and Treasurer.

**SEC. 3.** It shall be the duty of the Rector, agreeably to the ancient usage of the Church, to preside in all Parish and Vestry meetings; but, in case of his absence, one of the Wardens shall preside.

## CANON II.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The standing Committee shall be composed of three Presbyters and two Laymen, and be elected at each Annual Convention. Any vacancy occurring in this Committee, may be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining members. They shall keep full minutes of their proceedings, which shall be laid on the table of each Annual Convention, and read therein.

## CANON III.

### OF SUSPENSION FROM THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY.

The Bishop, with the advice of the Standing Committee, shall be empowered to suspend from the functions of the Ministry, any Minister who shall be charged with improper, irreligious, or immoral conduct; and further, this suspension shall be continued until the disposal of the charges against him by a canonical trial, unless before such trial,

the Bishop and Standing Committee are satisfied, from testimony laid before them, of a thorough reformation of his life: *Provided*, That no Minister shall be suspended, until he shall have been notified, by the Bishop or Standing Committee, of the nature of the charges against him, and an opportunity given him to be heard, in relation thereto, before the Bishop or Standing Committee.

#### CANON IV.

##### OF THE TRIAL OF CLERGYMEN.

SECTION 1. The trial of a Clergyman of this Diocese shall be on presentment made to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, in writing, signed by the party making it; and every presentment of a Clergyman shall be either by the Convention of the Diocese, by the Vestry and Church Wardens of the Parish to which such Clergyman may belong, or by one or more Presbyters of the Church.

SEC. 2. In all cases of presentment contemplated by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, or by those of this Diocese, a copy of the charge or charges, and specifications, together with a citation to appear and answer, shall be served upon the party accused, in the manner hereinafter provided, with all convenient speed. The charges and specifications shall be set forth with such reasonable certainty and description, as may enable the defendant to know and prepare for his defence. And upon the trial of such presentment, the rules of evidence, as understood and enforced in the judicial tribunals of the State, shall govern, except so far as they are altered or modified by the Canons of the General Convention, or by those of the Diocese.

SEC. 3. The regular place of trial, and the office for the record of all ecclesiastical proceedings, shall be the house of the Bishop; but, if there be no bishop, the Standing Committee shall appoint the place for these purposes; and the Bishop, by and with the concurrence of his Council of Advice, may appoint any place within his Diocese for the trial, if there be any special reasons moving him thereto.

SEC. 4. All testimony adduced upon the trial shall be in writing, taken, on due notice to the parties, either by a Commissary appointed for that purpose, by the ecclesiastical authority, or in the manner of commissions or depositions in civil cases. But this provision shall not prevent the oral examination of witnesses who may be present at the trial.

SEC. 5. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are Communicants in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 6. The Convention of the Diocese shall, at every regular session, elect five Presbyters, canonically resident in the Diocese. The Presbyters so elected shall constitute an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of Clergymen. The members of the Court so elected shall hold

their office until the close of the next regular meeting of the Convention—provided, however, that if from any cause there be no election, they shall continue in office until a new election takes place.

Sec. 7. Four of the Court so elected shall constitute a *quorum*, and may proceed with the trial of any presentment.

Sec. 8. Whenever a vacancy occurs in said Court, it shall be filled by the Bishop. And the persons, so appointed to fill said vacancy, shall hold their office until a new Court is elected.

Sec. 9. When the defendant appears, he may plead, generally, "not guilty," to all the charges and specifications; or, he may admit them to be true; or, he may plead "not guilty" to part, and admit the residue. Upon such specifications as are admitted to be true, it shall be the duty of the Court to decide whether they amount to such an offence, as is canonically presentable. And in regard to such specifications as are denied, the said Court shall try the same; and shall pronounce their verdict, either "guilty" or "not guilty," on each specification.

Sec. 10. Upon the finding of the Court that the defendant is guilty upon one or more of the specifications; or in case they are of opinion that the facts admitted to be true amount to a presentable offence, it shall proceed to suggest what sentence, in its opinion, ought to be inflicted. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop to pronounce such judgment as is suggested: *Provided*, always, that in case of judgment, other than degradation, the Bishop may, at any time afterwards, with the advice of the Standing Committee, modify or remit said sentence.

Sec. 11. It shall require a concurrence of at least three members of the Court present to find the defendant guilty. Each member of the Court shall be at liberty to record his opinion.

Sec. 12. The Court shall, upon the trial, appoint a Clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep a regular record of each day's proceedings. He shall also record the judgment rendered by the Bishop; and each day's proceedings, shall be signed by the members of the Court. A true record of said proceedings, so signed, shall be filed with the Standing Committee; and copies certified by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, shall, in all cases, be received as evidence of said record and proceedings.

Sec. 13. If, from sickness or other necessary cause, any member or members of the Court cannot attend the trial, it shall be the duty of the members of the Court present, to select some other Presbyter or Presbyters to take their place; *Provided*, That when four of the regular members attend, no such appointment shall be made.

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Sec. 15. If the accused do not appear, the Court may proceed to

trial in his absence; or, for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day: and if he refuse or decline to appear, the Court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, in three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial. And if he does not so report and appear, the Bishop may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SEC. 16. If any member of the Court be the party making the presentment, or be connected by consanguinity or affinity with the party making the presentment, or with the accused, such member shall not preside at such trial.

SEC. 17. All citations and notices in any ecclesiastical proceedings, whether to parties or witnesses, may be served either personally, or by leaving a copy thereof at their residences respectively; the time between the day of service and the day of appearance being not less than twenty days, over and above the ordinary time required to travel to the place of appearance. And in case there is reason to believe that a Minister, against whom any ecclesiastical proceedings have been instituted, has departed from the United States, or that the place of his sojourn cannot be conveniently ascertained, then it shall be sufficient to have a copy of the citation published three times in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State in which he last resided, and also in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State in which he is cited to appear, at least six months before the day of appearance.

SEC. 18. In all cases of presentment of Ministers, where the party accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, sentence of suspension shall be passed for contumacy: which sentence shall continue in force until the party consents to a regular trial.

## CANON V.

### OF VACANT PARISHES.

It shall be the business of the Bishop, and, if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee, when informed by the Vestry of either of the Churches in this Diocese, that such Church is not provided with a Minister, (in which information, the means which the Church has for supporting a Minister, shall be stated,) diligently to inquire for and recommend to the Vestry giving such information, a proper person to officiate in the said Church; and they shall report to the Convention, at each annual meeting, what information of vacancies they have received, and their proceedings thereon.

## CANON VI.

### OF RESIGNATION OF A PARISH.

Whenever any Minister, having charge of a Church or Parish in this Diocese, shall resign such Church or Parish, it shall be the duty

of the Secretary of said Church, and, if there be no Secretary, then of the Wardens, and if there be neither Secretary nor Wardens, then of the Vestry, to communicate, in writing, forthwith to the Bishop, if there be a Bishop, and if not, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, the fact of such resignation.

### CANON VII.

#### OF THE ELECTION OF BISHOPS.

In the election of a Bishop, the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately, (the Clergy individually, and the Laity by Congregations,) and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

### CANON VIII.

#### OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention, at the session immediately preceding the regular session of each General Convention, shall elect four Clerical and four Lay Deputies to the next ensuing General Convention. And these Deputies shall retain their office, until their successors are elected.

### CANON IX.

#### OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

In order to secure more effectually an accurate view of the state of the Church, it is hereby made obligatory on every Parish Minister to conform his Parochial Report to the following form, and his failure to comply therewith, shall be deemed a sufficient cause for the exclusion of such Report from the pages of the Journal of the Convention :

#### Form of Parochial Reports.

The Rector (or Minister) of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, at \_\_\_\_\_ county, reports to the Bishop (or Convention) of the Diocese, the following statement from the Register of his Parish :

Families, number of,	—	
Baptisms—Adults, white,	—	} Total, —
“ colored,	—	
Children, white,	—	} Total, —
“ colored,	—	
Confirmations—White,	—	} Total, —
Colored,	—	
Communicants—Former number, White	—	} Total, —
Colored,	—	
Added,	—	
Died,	—	} Total, —
Removed,	—	
Present number, White,	—	} Total, —
Colored,	—	

Said deed of trust shall contain a clause authorizing the Trustees to sell the property, or so much as may be necessary, whenever there is a default in payment of either principal or interest.

SAC. 4. Said Trustees may, with the consent of the Bishop, invest part of said fund, not exceeding five thousand dollars, in the purchase of a permanent Episcopal residence. And they may, if the money is not collected in notes in their hands, borrow such sum as may be necessary, and mortgage the property purchased for its repayment. The property shall be purchased in their name, as Trustees for the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi.

SAC. 5. Said Trustees shall report to each Convention the amount of money, notes, bonds, or other property, received by them, and from whom, the amount paid out, &c., so that an accurate account of the state of the fund may be always before the Diocese.

SAC. 6. Said Trustees may receive bonds, the principal of which may be made payable at such time as said Trustees may deem advisable: *Provided, however*, that the interest at six per cent. shall be payable annually: *Provided, further*, that when the money is paid on said bonds, the Trustees shall be bound to loan it to the person who paid it, if he should desire it. In such case, the money shall be loaned at legal interest, and shall be secured, as heretofore provided for in Section 3.

## CANON XV,

### OF GENERAL TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH.

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund shall be the General Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Mississippi, and as such are authorized to receive, by will, deed, or otherwise, for the use of the Church, such property and money as may be given to it by any person or persons.

## CANON XVI.

### OF OFFERINGS FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Besides individual contributions for Missions or other purposes, it shall be the duty of the Rector of every Parish, to collect, twice a year, the offerings of the Parish for Diocesan Missions, to-wit: on the second Sunday of April, and the Second Sunday of October; and if, from any cause, the offerings are not collected on said days, they shall be collected on some subsequent Sunday, and the said Rector shall embrace, in his Parochial Report to the Bishop of the Diocese, the amount received at each collection.

## CANON XVII.

### OF ATTENDANCE ON CONVENTION.

Every Clergyman, entitled to a seat in the Convention, shall, in case of his inability or failure to attend, communicate in writing, his

reasons therefor to the Bishop, at the session of the Convention, or in one month thereafter.

### Form for the Organization of New Parishes.

We, the subscribers, assembled for the purpose of organizing a Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the town of \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_, and State of Mississippi, after due notice given, do hereby agree to form a Parish, to be known by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, and as such, do hereby acknowledge and accede to the doctrine, discipline and worship,—the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the same Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and we do accordingly now appoint \_\_\_\_\_, [not less than three, nor more than eleven persons, naming them,] to be the first Vestry of \_\_\_\_\_ Church; and \_\_\_\_\_, [two persons, naming them,] to be the first Wardens, to continue in office until Easter Monday, A. D., \_\_\_\_\_, and until others be chosen in their place: And an election of Vestrymen shall hereafter be held on Easter Monday of each successive year, or as soon thereafter as may be.

Witness our hands at \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_, and State of Mississippi, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord, \_\_\_\_\_.

## APPENDIX C.

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### PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

### ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

**SOCIETY FOR THE DIFFUSION OF CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE,**

**APRIL 26, 1856.**

At a regular meeting of the Society, held in Christ Church, Vicksburg, on Saturday, 26th April, 1856—Present :

RT. REV. WM. M. GREEN, D. D., ex-officio in the chair.

The meeting was called to order, and the proceedings of the last annual meeting were read.

The Secretary and Treasurer read his account and vouchers (A,) and a list of contributions (B) during the year. The Treasurer's report was received, and his account and vouchers were referred to Jas. S. Johnston and M. W. Ewing, Esqs., for examination, who made the following report :

The undersigned, Committee, have examined the Treasurer's account and vouchers, and find the same correct. The balance of cash in the Treasurer's hands is \$399 48, and he holds the note of W. M. Green, and Geo. S. Yerger and W. C. Smedes, sureties, for \$280, bearing 8 per cent. interest, for life memberships funded.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. S. JOHNSTON,  
MARTIN W. EWING.

April 26, 1856.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion, all the officers of last year were re-elected.

First Vice President, Rev. JAS. A. FOX ; Second Vice President, JAS. S. JOHNSTON ; Third Vice President, M. W. EWING.

Managers, GEO. S. YERSTE, CHAS. SCOTT, W. HARDEMAN, W. C. SMOEDER, E. C. LAUGHLIN.

Secretary and Treasurer, J. ROACH, Vicksburg.

It was—

*Resolved*, That the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, now in session, be respectfully requested to cause the Proceedings of this meeting, its Reports, and the Constitution of the Society, to be printed in an Appendix to the Journal of said Convention, with a view of bringing the objects of the Society more fully to the knowledge of the Church in the Diocese.

Adjourned *sine die*.

J. ROACH,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

VICKSBURG, April 26, 1856.

*Rev. W. M. Green, D. D., President:*

DEAR SIR: The undersigned, Secretary and Treasurer of the "Protestant Episcopal Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi," submits herewith his statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year:

68 annual and occasional contributors have paid	-	\$260 52
An intended student at Nashotah has refunded	-	50 00
10 Parishes have paid by their Churches,	-	793 65

Making total receipts for the year,	-	\$1,104 17
And the balance in Treasury 17th May, 1855,	-	434 31

		\$1,538 48
Payments, (see statement A.)	-	1,189 00

Balance in Treasury 26th April, 1856,	-	\$399 48
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The expenditures in detail, are shown in statement marked; they may be recapitulated thus:

Paid to book agent,	-	\$ 25 00
" for books,	-	12 50
" Donations to Bishop White Prayer Book Society,	-	25 00
" To aid two students of Nashotah,	-	100 00
" Printing Circulars,	-	4 50
" 11 regular Missionaries, including one to colored people,	-	972 00
		\$1,189 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. ROACH,  
Secretary and Treasurer.



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*Recapitulation of Receipts*

From 68 annual and occasional contributors,	\$260 52
From an intending student at Nashotah, prevented going by ill health,	50 00
From Trinity Church, Pas Christian,	5 00
From Christ Church, Church Hill,	142 50
From Christ Church, Holly Springs,	12 00
From Christ Church, Vicksburg,	40 00
From Christ Church, Vicksburg, collection at Con- vention,	112 45
From St. John's Church, Annadale,	8 00
From Grace Church, Canton,	22 50
From Calvary Church, Holmes county,	16 50
From Trinity Church Natchez, Rev. C. Reighley,	400 00
From St. Mark's Church, Raymond,	2 70
From St. Paul's Church, Woodville,	15 00
From St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood,	17 00
	<hr/> \$1,104 17
Add balance on hand, May 17, 1855,	434 31
	<hr/> \$1,538 48

1855.

**PAYMENTS.**

May 22.	Bishop's order favor Rev. H. Sansom, Mis- sionary,	\$ 50 00
22.	Bishop's order favor Rev. W. P. Scott, Missionary to blacks,	50 00
22.	Bishop's order, favor Rev. E. Denniston, Missionary,	25 00
22.	Bishop's order, favor A. B. Peabody, Nashotah,	50 00
23.	Bishop's order, favor Rev. C. H. Dibrow, Missionary,	50 00
22.	Bishop's order, favor Rev. Mr. Presbury, Missionary,	25 00
22.	Bishop's order, favor Mr. Geo. Stewart, Book Agent,	25 00
22.	Bishop's order, favor Bishop White Prayer Book Society,	25 00
June 7.	Bishop's order, favor intending student, (refunded,)	50 00
7.	Bishop's order, favor Rev. Mr. Clotworthy, Missionary,	100 00
	Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$450 00

	Amount brought forward,	\$450 00
July 14.	Bishop's order, favor Rev. S. J. Hayward, Missionary,	100 00
Aug. 28.	Printing Circulars,	4 50
Jan. 1856.	Bishop's order, favor C. A. Whitall, Mis- sionary,	175 00
Jan. 30.	Bishop's order, favor Rev. A. B. Peabody,	75 00
18.	Bishop's order, favor Rev. H. Sansom, Missionary,	50 00
Feb. 15.	Bishop's order, favor Rev. J. W. Rogers,	22 00
Mar. 15.	Bishop's order, favor Mr. Bigelow for Books,	12 50
April 7.	Bishop's order, favor Rev. Mr. Peabody, Missionary,	50 00
7.	Bishop's order, favor Rev. C. A. Whitall, Missionary,	75 00
9.	Bishop's order, favor Rev. H. Sansom, Missionary,	50 00
19.	Bishop's order, favor Rev. John Philson, Missionary,	25 00
20.	Bishop's order, favor Rev. Mr. Hayward, Missionary,	50 00
	Total payments,	\$1,130 00
	Balance in Treasury this day,	897 48
		<u>\$1,388 48</u>

Also, note of W. M. Green and sureties \$280 funded on hand.

J. ROACH, Treasurer.

Vicksburg, April 26, 1856.

### Note.

The Treasurer of the Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi, acknowledges the receipt, since his report was made up, of the following sums:

St. John's Church, Annadale,	\$ 5 00
Mrs. Mrs. M. W. Ewing, Yazoo county,	5 00
Mr. R. H. McCaleb,	1 00
Mrs. F. McCaleb,	1 00
Trinity Church, Natchez, by the Rev. Mr. Reighley,	70 00
Mrs. John A. Quittman, Natchez,	50 00
Chapel of the Cross, Madison county,	10 00
Also received from Rev. Mr. Sansom—	
Mr. Eugene Hinton,	\$1 50
Dr. Oscar Dewees,	1 00
Mrs. Dewees,	1 00
Amount carried forward,	<u>\$3 00</u>

Amount brought forward,	-	-	\$3 00
Mrs. E. S. Smith,	-	-	1 00
Mrs. W. J. Britton,	-	-	1 00
Mrs. M. L. Johnston,	-	-	1 00
Miss Helen S. Johnston,	-	-	1 00
Miss Hathaway,	-	-	1 00
Mr. A. Sneed,	-	-	1 00
Miss M. Pratt,	-	-	1 50
Mrs. E. Mosby,	-	-	1 00
Mr. S. L. Mosby,	-	-	1 00
Mrs. Maria Bailey,	-	-	1 00

13 50

Convention collection at Christ Church, Vicksburg, April  
26, 1856, after a sermon by the Rev. H. Sansom,

99 25

Total,    -       -       -       \$254 75

J. ROACH, Treasurer.

VICKSBURG, April 28, 1856.

## B.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOW-  
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## LIFE MEMBERS—21.

Mrs. Mary Abby,	Mrs. St. John Elliott,
Mrs. John A. Quitman,	C. S. Abercrombie,
Rt. Rev. W. M. Green,	Geo. S. Yenger,
Andrew Turnbull,	Mrs. B. G. Keger,
Mrs. Florida Laughlin,	Mrs. Robert Cox,
Miss Ann Hazard,	Mrs. Columbia Leigh,
Mrs. P. M. Grant,	Mrs. Rebecca Pegues,
Miss Ellen Hay,	W. C. Smedes,
James S. Johnston,	Robert Y. Wood,
Two persons, names not given,	Mrs. M. L. Johnston.

## ANNUAL AND OCCASIONAL CONTRIBUTORS THIS YEAR.

Mrs. Mary Abby,	Miss Ann E. Lackland,
Mrs. Abby,	Mrs. Junius Leigh,
Mrs. J. B. Bailey,	A Lady by Geo. S. Yenger,
Mrs. S. Brownrigge,	Rev. T. S. W. Mott,
Mrs. D. T. Bigelow,	Mrs. F. McCaleb,
Miss Cora Bigelow,	Mrs. E. McCaleb,
Cash,	Mrs. Magruder,
Mrs. J. E. Davis,	Mrs. E. Mosely,
Rev. Mr. Damus,	Mrs. McArdle,
Mr. M. W. Ewing,	Mr. Nolan,
Mrs. M. W. Ewing,	Mrs. A. Nolan,

Mrs. V. Freeland,  
 Rt. Rev. W. M. Green,  
 Mrs. C. J. Green,  
 Master Geo. H. Green,  
 Master Berkley Green,  
 Master Stephen Green,  
 Master D. C. Green,  
 Miss Sallie Green,  
 Miss Elizabeth W. Green,  
 Mrs. Hannah Gibbs,  
 Mrs. Hannah Giles,  
 Mrs. Ann H. Hampton,  
 Mrs. W. Hull,  
 Mr. G. M. Hillyer,  
 Dr. W. Hemingway,  
 Miss C. Hairne,  
 Mrs. M. L. Johnston,  
 Miss Sue Long,  
 Mrs. Florida Laughlin,  
 Miss Fannie Laughlin,  
 Master Willie Laughlin,  
 Master Jeff. Laughlin,

Pierce Nolan.  
 Miss Eppy Oliver,  
 Mr. Presbury,  
 Mrs. Presbury,  
 Miss Presbury,  
 Miss Martha Parmlee,  
 Miss Penfield,  
 Mr. J. Roach,  
 Rev. H. Sansom,  
 Mrs. Sansom,  
 Dr. Stardevant,  
 Mrs. Sturdevant,  
 Miss Martha Sledge,  
 Miss Adelaide Sledge,  
 Master N. C. Sykes,  
 Master C. S. Sykes,  
 Mr. T. O. Tupper,  
 Mary Tupper,  
 Rev. R. H. Weller,  
 Mrs. E. R. Wells,  
 Master Shelton Wilson.

D.

# CONSTITUTION

## OF SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

ARTICLE I. This society shall be called the SOCIETY OF THE PRO-  
 TESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE  
 IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

ART. II. All Clergymen, canonically resident in the Diocese, shall  
 be, *ex officio*, members of the Society, and such Laymen as shall pay  
 the sums hereinafter mentioned.

ART. III. The officers of the Society shall be the Bishop as Presi-  
 dent; a first, second and third, Vice President; a Secretary or General  
 Agent, and a Treasurer. When there is a vacancy in the Episcopate,  
 the Society shall elect from the Presbytery, a President. The Vice  
 Presidents, according to their numerical order, shall, in the absence, or  
 by request of the President, perform the duties of President.

ART. IV. A committee of five, to be annually elected, shall con-  
 stitute a Board of Managers. The Secretary of the Society shall be,  
*ex officio*, Secretary of the Board of Managers. A majority of the  
 Managers shall constitute a quorum to do business. They shall have  
 power to make such by-laws as they deem necessary.

**ART. V.** The Board of Managers shall establish a Diocesan Depository, and such branches as may be deemed necessary. They shall distribute the Bible, the Prayer Book, and such religious Tracts and other works, only, as may be approved by the Bishop, or the Board of Managers. Any person desirous to sell or distribute such books in the Diocese by authority of the Church, may be licensed to do so by the Bishop, and shall be allowed a reasonable compensation therefor out of the Society funds.

**ART. VI.** Missionaries employed by the Bishop, shall be allowed such salaries as he may direct, to be paid out of the funds of the Society. The President shall report to the Convention, the number of Missionaries aided by it—their different stations or employments—the sums paid to each—what person has been employed to sell books, and the number of tracts and books distributed. The person employed to sell books shall report to the Convention, the amount of books sold and distributed by him during the year. Said Managers shall, from the funds of the Society, aid in the education of such youths of piety as are recommended by the Bishop, and in general shall have power to adopt and execute such measures as they may deem proper to further the objects of this Society. When the Episcopate is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have the powers conferred by this Article to the Bishop.

**ART. VII.** It shall be the duty of the Society to aid and assist owners of plantations who are desirous to give religious instruction to their slaves, and to give information of such persons to the Bishop, in order that he may provide suitable Missionaries to organize Parishes on said plantations.

**ART. VIII.** The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Society—keep a list of the Missionaries paid or assisted by the Society, and the amount allowed to each. The funds in his hands shall only be paid out by order of the Managers or of the President. He shall report, at each anniversary meeting, the state of the Society's funds—its property—and present his accounts for examination and settlement.

**ART. IX.** The Secretary shall keep a Record of the Proceedings of the Board of Managers in a well-bound book. He shall, by virtue of his office, conduct the correspondence, and perform such other acts as the Board of Managers shall direct. He shall copy this Constitution on the Minutes of the first meeting of the Board of Managers.

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By the payment of twenty dollars, any one may become a life member of the Society, and shall not be subject to the annual assessment thereafter.

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# **Assessments on the Parishes, Made by the Convention, 1856.**

Parishes.	Bishop's Fund.	Contingent Expenses.
Trinity Church, Natchez, - -	\$500	\$40
Christ Church, Vicksburg, - -	380	30
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, - -	300	30
Christ Church, Church Hill, - -	260	30
Christ Church, Holly Springs, - -	120	20
Trinity Church, Pas Christian, - -	120	15
Trinity Church, Yazoo City, - -	80	20
St. Paul's Church, Woodville, - -	100	15
St. Paul's Church, Columbus, - -	60	15
St. John's Church, Lake Washington, -	80	10
St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood, - -	80	10
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county,	50	10
Grace Church, Canton, - -	60	10
St. Peter's Church, Oxford, - -	40	5
Epiphany Church, Claiborne county,	30	5
St. John's Church, Aberdeen, - -	20	5
St. John's Church, Pontotoc, - -	20	5
Chapel of the Cross, Madison county, -	20	5
Advent Church, Washington, - -	20	5
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton, - -	20	5
St. Mark's Church, Raymond, - -	20	5
Calvary Church, Holmes county, - -	20	5
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf, - -	20	5
St. John's Church, Annadale, - -	20	5
St. Luke's Church, Brandon, - -	10	5
Messiah Church, Noxubee county, - -	10	5
Ascension Church, Hernando, - -	10	5
Grace Church, Okolona, - -	10	5
St. James' Church, Port Gibson, - -	10	5
St. John's Church, Early Grove, - -	10	5
St. John's Church, De Soto, - -	10	5
Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo City,	10	2 50
	<b>\$2,520</b>	<b>\$352 50</b>

**§** To the Fund for the Support of the Episcopate, the following Parishes are also indebted for arrearages, for the year ending July 1, 1856:

St. Paul's Church, Columbus,	-	-	-	\$30 00
Epiphany Church, Claiborne,	-	-	-	25 00
St. John's Church, Pontotoc,	-	-	-	40 00
Ascension Church, Hernando,	-	-	-	20 00
St. John's Church, Aberdeen,	-	-	-	20 00
St. John's Church, De Soto county,	-	-	-	20 00
St. Luke's Church, Brandon,	-	-	-	20 00
St. James' Church, Port Gibson,	-	-	-	2 50
St. John's Church, Early Grove,	-	-	-	20 00
Church of the Advent, Washington,	-	-	-	20 00
Church of the Messiah, Noxubee county,	-	-	-	20 00
Total,	-	-	-	<hr/> \$237 50

**§** To the Contingent Expense Fund, the following named Parishes are also indebted for arrearages, on account of the assessments made by the Conventions of 1854 and 1855:

St. Paul's Church, Columbus,	-	-	-	\$15 00
Trinity Church, Yazoo City,	-	-	-	20 00
St. John's Church, Pontotoc,	-	-	-	10 00
St. John's Church, Aberdeen,	-	-	-	5 00
St. John's Church, De Soto county,	-	-	-	10 00
St. Luke's Church, Brandon,	-	-	-	20 00
St. John's Church, Lake Washington,	-	-	-	20 00
St. James' Church, Port Gibson,	-	-	-	10 00
Grace Church, Okolona,	-	-	-	5 00
Church of the Advent, Washington,	-	-	-	5 00
Church of the Messiah, Noxubee county,	-	-	-	10 00
Total,	-	-	-	<hr/> \$130 00

**§** As to the time and mode of payment of the assessments made by the Convention of 1856, see page 43 of the present Journal.

The amount of the arrearages, whether due to the Fund for the Support of the Episcopate, or the Contingent Expense Fund, should be remitted without delay to the Treasurer of the Diocese, at Vicksburg, or to the Treasurer of the Convention, at Natchez, as the case may be.

## DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

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### STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. W. Lord,	Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,
Rev. Henry Sansom,	Mr. W. C. Smedes.
Rev. R. Haber Waller,	

### TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND AND CHURCH PROPERTY.

Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,  
Mr. James Roach,  
Hon. Charles Scott.

### DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. W. W. Lord,	Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,
Rev. Jas. A. Fox,	Mr. Wm. C. Smedes,
Rev. Thos. S. Savage,	Mr. Jas. S. Johnston,
Rev. Benj. Halsted.	Mr. M. W. Ewing.

### TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. W. W. Lord,  
Rev. Isaac Pardee,  
Mr. Geo. S. Yerger.

### ECCLIASTICAL COURT.

Rev. B. M. Miller,	Rev. H. Sansom,
Rev. Jas. A. Fox,	Rev. W. W. Lord.
Rev. Thos. D. Ozanna,	

### SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

Mr. Giles M. Hillyer, Natchez.

### TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

Mr. James Roach, Vicksburg.

### SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

*President*—Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, D. D.

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*Second Vice President*—Mr. Jas. S. Johnston.

*Third Vice President*—Mr. M. W. Ewing.

*Managers*—Messrs. George S. Yerger, Charles Scott, Wm. Hardman, W. C. Smedes, and E. C. Laughlin.

*Secretary and Treasurer*—Mr. James Roach, Vicksburg.

## Parishes in Union with the Convention.

Trinity Church,	Natches,	Adams county.
St. Paul's Church,	Woodville,	Wilkinson county.
St. Mary's Church,	Laurel Hill,	Adams county.
Christ Church,	Ohurch Hill,	Jefferson county.
Christ Church,	Vicksburg,	Warren county.
St. Paul's Church,	Grand Gulf,	Claiborne county.
St. Matthew's Church,	Clinton,	Hinds county.
St. Mark's Church,	Raymond,	Hinds county.
St. Paul's Church,	Columbus,	Lowndes county.
Christ Church,	Holly Springs,	Marshall county.
St. Andrew's Church,	Jackson,	Hinds county.
Epiphany Church,	: : : : :	Claiborne county.
St. Andrew's Church,	: : : : :	Marshall county.
Trinity Church,	Yazoo City,	Yazoo county.
St. John's Church,	Pontotoc,	Pontotoc county.
Ascension Church,	Hernando,	De Soto county.
St. John's Church,	Aberdeen,	Monroe county.
Grace Church,	Canton,	Madison county.
St. Philip's Church,	Kirkwood,	Madison county.
St. John's Church,	: : : : :	De Soto county.
Church of the Crucifixion,	: : : : :	Yazoo county.
St. Luke's Church,	Brandon,	Rankin county.
St. John's Church,	L. Washington,	Washington co'y.
St. James' Church,	Port Gibson,	Claiborne county.
Trinity Church,	Pas Christian,	Harrison county.
St. Peter's Church,	Oxford,	Lafayette county.
Calvary Church,	: : : : :	Holmes county.
St. John's Church,	Early Grove,	Marshall county.
Grace Church,	Okolona,	Chickasaw co'y.
Church of the Advent,	Washington,	Adams county.
Chapel of the Cross,	: : : : :	Madison county.
Church of the Messiah,	: : : : :	Noxubee county.
St. John's Chapel,	Annadale,	Yazoo county.

[The Parishes are arranged, in the order of their union with the Convention;

SECRETARY.]

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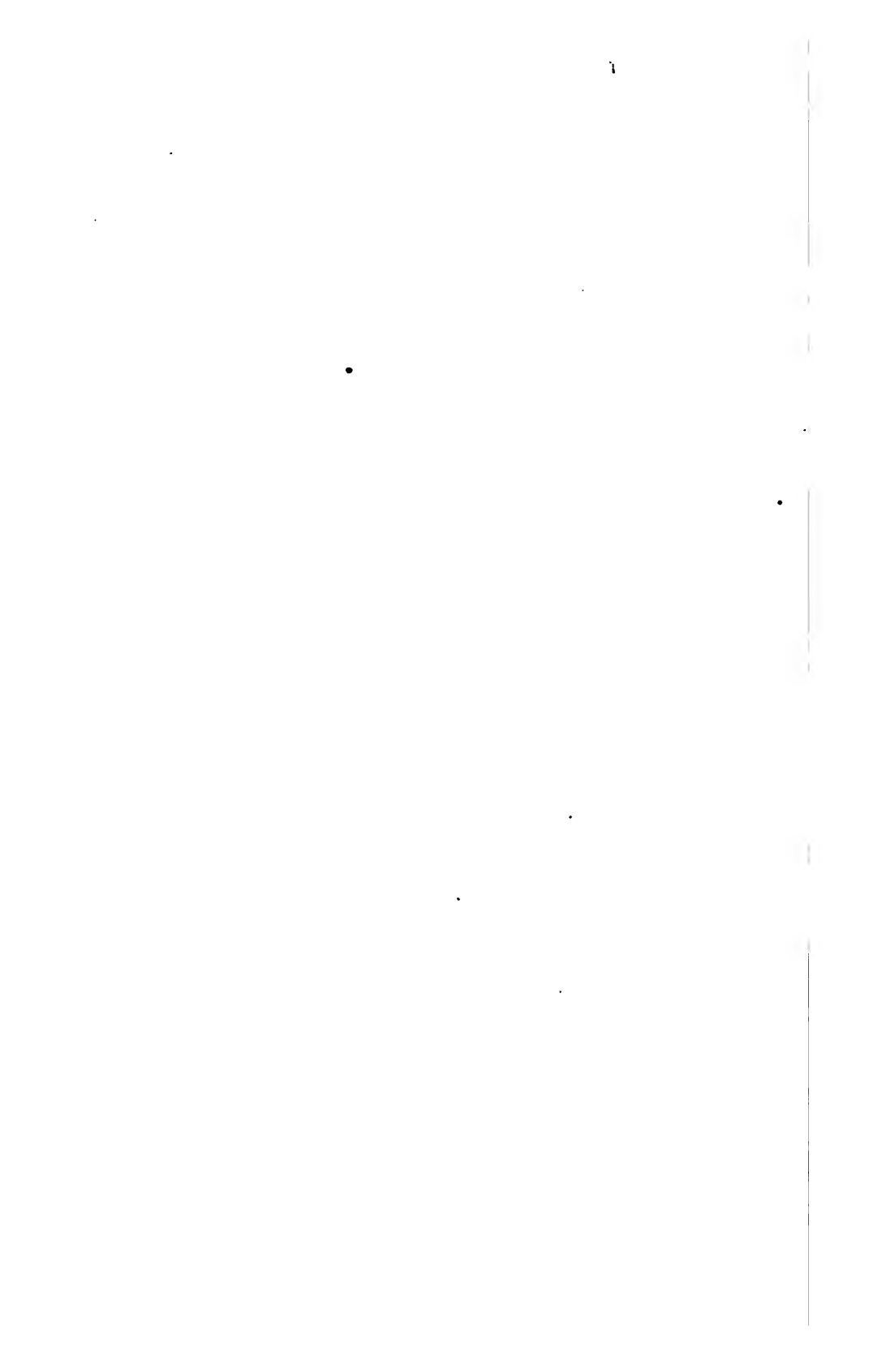
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## LIST OF THE CLERGY.

### Those Entitled to Seats in the Convention of 1857.

[Those, whose names are marked with an asterisk, attended the sittings of the Convention.]

\*Rt. Rev. Wm. Mercer Green, D. D., Jackson.

Rev. Fr. A. P. Barnard, L.L. D., President of the State University, and officiating at St. Peter's Church, Oxford.

Rev. F. W. Boyd: residing near Natchez.

\*Rev. F. W. Damas, Missionary at Diamond Place and Hurricane: Postoffice, Warrenton.

\*Rev. Edward Denniston, Deacon, ministering in Jackson.

Rev. Chas. A. Disbrow.

Rev. Frederick Elwell, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Raymond, and of St. Matthew's Church, Clinton: Postoffice, Raymond.

\*Rev. John Foster, Rector of Trinity Church, Yazoo City.

\*Rev. James A. Fox: residence, Bovina, Warren county.

Rev. James S. Greene, Rector of Christ Church, Monticello.

\*Rev. Benj. Halsted, Rector of Calvary Church, Holmes county: Postoffice, Lexington.

\*Rev. Thos. B. Lawson, Rector of St. John's Church, Pontotoc; St. John's Church, Aberdeen, and St. Thomas Church, Pikeville: Postoffice, Okalona.

\*Rev. Wm. W. Lord, Rector of Christ Church, Vicksburg.

Rev. Andrew Matthews, Rector of Church of the Ascension, Hernando.

\*Rev. Benj. M. Miller, Rector of Christ Church, Church Hill.

Rev. Thos. S. W. Mott.

\*Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

Rev. Isaac Pardee.

Rev. A. Burton Peabody, Deacon.

Rev. James Philson.

\*Rev. Charles Reighley, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodville.

Rev. James W. Rogers, Rector of St. Thomas' Hall, Holly Springs, and officiating at St. John's Church, Early Grove.

\*Rev. Henry Sansom, Rector of Grace Church, Canton, and of the Chapel of the Cross, Madison county.

Rev. Thos. S. Savage, M. D.: Postoffice, Pas Christian.

Rev. W. Parker Scott: Postoffice, Yazoo City.

Rev. Robert D. Shindler.

\*Rev. George W. Sill, Rector of Trinity Church, Pas Christian.

\*Rev. W. C. Stout: Postoffice, North Mt. Pleasant, Marshall Co.

Rev. R. Heber Weller.

**Those Canonically Resident, but not Entitled to Seats.**

\*Rev. E. R. Downing, in charge of St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood.

\*Rev. G. B. Hayden: Postoffice, Yazoo City.

**Candidates for Holy Orders.**

Mr. Wm. Clark,

Mr. George C. Harris,

Mr. George Stewart,

Mr. Calvin McGuffee,

Mr. M. Leander Weller.

**LIST OF LAY DELEGATES,**

**Entitled to Seats in the Diocesan Convention of 1857.**

[Those, whose names are marked with an asterisk, attended the sittings of the Convention.]

**TRINITY CHURCH.....NATCHEZ.**

*Delegates.*

\*Joseph D. Shields,

\*Giles M. Hillyer,

\*R. Willis Knickerbocker.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.....WOODVILLE.**

*Delegates.*

H. F. Simrall,

John P. Dillingham,

H. S. Van Eaton.

**CHRIST CHURCH.....CHURCH HILL.**

*Delegates.*

E. G. Wood,

Thomas R. Shields,

\*James S. Johnston.

**CHRIST CHURCH.....VICKSBURG.**

*Delegates.*

\*Benjamin S. Tappan,

\*D. Tilton Bigelow,

\*James Roach.

**ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.....CLINTON.**

*Delegates.*

Jno. M. Graves,

Gen. Patrick Henry.

## ST. MARK'S CHURCH.....RAYMOND.

*Delegates.*

T. L. Peyton, M. D.,  
Hon. A. L. Dabney,  
O. B. Shearer.

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.....JACKSON.

*Delegates.*

Geo. S. Yerger,  
J. C. Napier,  
W. Hardeman.

*Alternates.*

\*M. L. Weller,  
Thos. Palmer,  
C. A. Moore.

## GRACE CHURCH.....CANTON.

*Delegates.*

\*A. Sneed,  
\*C. C. Shackelford,  
\*Wm. M. C. Jones.

*Alternates.*

\*Wesley Drane,  
\*T. C. Tupper,  
J. D. Hart.

## ST. PHILLIP'S CHURCH.....KIRKWOOD.

*Delegates.*

\*Col. Wm. McWillie,  
\*W. Hemingway, M. D.,  
Maj. H. Vaughn.

*Alternates.*

Capt. A. McWillie,  
E. H. Anderson.

## TRINITY CHURCH.....PAS CHRISTIAN.

*Delegates.*

P. B. McCutcheon,  
S. S. Clarke,  
J. T. Liddle.

## CALVARY CHURCH.....HOLMES COUNTY.

*Delegates.*

\*T. T. Meade, M. D.,  
Robert B. Eggleston,  
E. M. Eggleston.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.....EARLY GROVE.

*Delegates.*

J. G. Bailey, M. D.,  
\*J. A. Parr.

## CHAPEL OF THE CROSS.....MADISON COUNTY.

*Delegates.*

\*Eugene J. Hinton,  
\*W. J. Britton.

## ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL.....ANNADALE.

*Delegates.*

\*Martin W. Ewing,  
R. W. Ewing,  
L. W. Tuttle, M. D.



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## GRACE CHURCH, CANTON,

FRIDAY PRECEDING SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, }  
April 24, 1857.

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Thirty first Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, the Right Reverend WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, called the Convention to order at ten o'clock, A. M., and opened it with prayer.

The roll of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, as furnished by the Bishop, was then called by Mr. Martin W. Ewing, acting as Secretary *pro tem.*, in the absence of the Secretary of the last Convention, and the following Clergy were found to be present:

### THE RT. REV. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D. D.

Rev. Ed. Denniston,	Rev. W. W. Lord,
Rev. F. Elwell,	Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne,
Rev. John Foster,	Rev. Chas. Reighley, D. D.
Rev. James A. Fox,	Rev. Henry Sansom,
Rev. B. Halsted,	Rev. Geo. W. Sill,
Rev. T. B. Lawson,	Rev. Wm. C. Stout.

Credentials of Lay Delegates, from St. Paul's Church, Woodville; Christ Church, Vicksburg; St. Matthew's Church, Clinton; St. Mark's Church, Raymond; St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; Grace Church, Canton; St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood; Trinity Church, Pas Christian; Calvary Church, Holmes county; Chapel of the Cross, Madison county; St. John's Chapel, Annadale, were then laid upon the Secretary's table, and referred to the Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne, and Messrs. C. O. Shackelford and D. T. Bigelow, as a Committee of Credentials, who, after a brief recess, reported the same as substantially correct.

Whereupon, the Report having been received, the list of names was called, and the following Lay Delegates appeared and took their seats in the Convention :

*Christ Church, Vicksburg*—D. T. Bigelow.

*St. Andrew's Church, Jackson*—M. L. Weller.

*Grace Church, Canton*—A. Sneed, C. C. Shackelford, Wm. M. C. Jones.

*St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood*—Dr. Wm. Hemingway.

*Chapel of the Cross, Madison County*—E. J. Hinton, W. J. Britton.

*St. John's Chapel, Annadale*—Martin W. Ewing.

A constitutional quorum of the Clergy and Lay Delegates being ascertained to be present, the Bishop of the Diocese declared the Convention duly constituted, and ready to proceed to business.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until after Divine Service.

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Divine Service was celebrated at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. John Foster, Rector of Trinity Church, Yazoo City, read the morning service, assisted by the Rev. B. Halsted, Rector of Calvary Church, Holmes County, and the Rev. Geo. W. Sill, Rector of Trinity Church, Pas Christian; and the Rev. Charles Reighley, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodville, preached from the Epistle to Titus, ii. chapter, 11th and 12th verses: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us, that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

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After Divine Service, the Convention was again called to order by the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of the Diocese.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Clergymen of this Diocese not entitled to seats; also Clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to honorary seats in this Convention.

Under this resolution, the Rev. E. H. Downing, and the Rev. J. B. Hayden, of the Diocese of Mississippi, and Mr. Calvin McGuffee, a candidate for Holy Orders, attended the sittings of the Convention.

On motion, the Rules of Order adopted by the last Convention of this Diocese, were adopted for the present one.

[For the Rules of Order, as afterwards amended by the Convention, see Appendix.]

In the absence of the Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, the President of said Committee presented the following abstract of its proceedings for the past year :

#### ABSTRACT OF MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

JACKSON, December 22, 1856.

The Committee met. Present—Rev. Mr. Lord and Messrs. Yerger and Smedes. Mr. Lord was elected President, and Mr. Smedes, Secretary.

The Testimonials of Mr. Calvin McGuffee, were laid before Committee. It was ordered that he be received as a Candidate for Orders, from date of July 1, ult. Committee adjourned.

WM. C. SMEDES, Secretary.

JACKSON, January 14, 1857.

Committee met. Present—Rev. Mr. Lord, President; Rev. Mr. Sansom, and Messrs. Yerger and Smedes.

The Testimonials of Mr. George C. Harris, laid before Committee; and it was ordered that he be received a Candidate for Orders; and that he be allowed two years of the time required by Canon. Committee adjourned.

WM. C. SMEDES, Secretary.

JACKSON, March 29, 1857.

Committee met. Present—Rev. Mr. Lord, President; Rev. Mr. Sansom, and Messrs. Yerger and Smedes.

The certificate of election of Bishop Kip, to the Episcopate of California, laid before Committee, and assent of Committee given to his acceptance of the post. Committee adjourned.

WM. C. SMEDES, Secretary.

A copy of the Minutes.

W. W. LORD, President.

The Convention then, on motion, adjourned, to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

GRACE CHURCH, CANTON, )

FRIDAY, April 24, 1857, 4 o'clock, P. M. }

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

The Right Reverend, the President of the Convention, announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Credentials*—Rev. Mr. Thos. D. Ozanne, and Messrs. C. C. Shackelford, and D. T. Bigelow.

*On the Admission of New Congregations*—Rev. Mr. Geo. W. Sill, and Messrs. E. J. Hinton and Dr. W. Hemingway.

*On the State of the Church*—Rev. Messrs. Thos. B. Lawson, B. Halsted, Henry Sansom, Fred. Elwell, and Thos. D. Ozanne.



*On Finance*—Messrs. Jas. S. Johnston, M. W. Ewing, W. J. Britton, C. C. Shackelford and Dr. Wm. Hemingway.

*On Constitution and Canons*—Rev. Mr. Jas. A. Fox, and Messrs. E. J. Hinton and W. M. C. Jones.

*On Diocesan Schools*—Rev. Messrs. Geo. W. Sill, Wm. C. Stout, Chas. Reighley, D. D., and Messrs. B. T. Bigelow and Chas. C. Shackelford.

*On Unfinished Business*—Rev. Mr. Ed. Denniston, and Messrs. A. Sneed and M. L. Weller.

Certified copies of the Articles of Association of Christ Church, Monticello, Lawrence County, and of St. Thomas Church, Pikeville, Chickasaw County, and of the proceedings at their adoption, were laid before the Convention, and referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.

Parochial reports were then read from the following named Parishes, which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, viz:

St. Paul's Church, Woodville; Christ Church, Vicksburg; St. Matthew's Church, Clinton; St. Mark's Church, Raymond; St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; Trinity Church, Yazoo City; Calvary Church, Holmes county; St. John's Church, Annadale; Christ Church, Monticello; and also the reports of the Rev. Jas. A. Fox; Rev. Isaac Pardee; Rev. James Philson; Rev. A. B. Peabody; Rev. Ed. Denniston; Rev. C. W. Whithall.

The Committee on the Admission of New Congregations, presented the following—

## REPORT

### UPON THE ADMISSION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS.

The Committee appointed on the admission of new Congregations, respectfully report to this Convention, that they have examined the Articles of Organization and of Association of the following Churches, namely: Christ Church, Monticello, Lawrence co, and St. Thomas Church, Pikeville, Chickasaw county, and find said articles of organization to be in accordance with the form prescribed by this Convention on page 91 of their last Journal, and do therefore recommend said Parishes for admission into union with this Convention.

G. W. SILL, Chairman.

Which report was received, and on motion adopted; and thereupon the said Parishes of Christ Church, Monticello, and St. Thomas Church, Pikeville, were received into union with the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet at half past 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Divine Service was celebrated on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Benj. Halsted, of Lexington, read the Evening Service, assisted by the Rev. Wm. C. Stout; and the Rev. G. B. Hayden, preached from the First Epistle to the Corinthians, xiii. chapter and 3rd verse: "And though I give my body to be burned and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

GRACE CHURCH, CANTON, }  
SATURDAY, April 26, 1856. }

The Convention was called to order at half past 8 o'clock, A. M., by the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, who opened it with prayer.

The roll of Clerical and Lay Delegates was called, and there were found present as on yesterday, with the addition of the following:

*Christ Church, Vicksburg*—Benj. S. Tappan, James Roach.

*Calvary Church, Holmes County*—T. T. Meade, M. D.

Credentials of Lay Delegates from Trinity Church, Natchez; Christ Church, Church Hill; St. John's Church, Early Grove, Marshall county, were presented, and referred to the Committee on Credentials, who reported the same as substantially correct; and the list being again called, the following, also, appeared and took their seats:

*Trinity Church, Natchez*—Joseph D. Shields, Giles M. Hillyer, and R. Willis Knickerbocker.

*Christ Church, Church Hill*—Jas. S. Johnston.

*St. John's Church, Early Grove*—J. A. Parr.

Under the resolution adopted yesterday, the Rev. C. F. Rodenstein, of the Diocese of Louisiana, attended the sittings of the Convention.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday, morning and evening, were read and approved.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Secretary and Treasurer; when, the taking of the ballot having been by a unanimous vote dispensed with, Giles M. Hillyer, was unanimously re-elected to said offices.

The Parochial Reports of the following Parishes, were then read, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, viz: Trinity Church, Natchez; Christ Church, Church Hill; St. John's Church, Pontotoc; St. John's Church, Aberdeen; Grace Church, Canton; Trinity Church,

Pas Christian; Grace Church, Okolona; Chapel of the Cross, Madison county; St. Thomas' Church, Pikeville; also the reports of the Rev. F. W. Damus, Missionary, and of the Rev. W. C. Stout.

The Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, then read his Journal and Address:

**[For the Bishop's Journal and Address, see Appendix.]**

The Secretary then read an Address to the Members and Friends of the P. E. Church in the Southern and South Western States, upon the subject of a South Western University; signed by the Bishops of the Church in those Dioceses.

After which the Convention took a recess until after Divine Service.

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Divine Service was celebrated at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. B. M. Miller, Rector of Christ Church, Church Hill, read the morning service, assisted by the Rev. W. W. Lord, and the Rev. F. Elwell; and the Rev. C. F. Rodenstein, of the Diocese of Louisiana, preached from the xvii. chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, 13th verse: "When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth."

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After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order, by the Rev. James A. Fox, in the absence of the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Committee appointed by the last Convention on the subject of the Rules of Order, presented the following:

### REPORT

#### OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER.

The Committee, appointed at the last Convention to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Rules of Order, as to provide for a systematic method of conducting the business of future Conventions, respectfully beg leave to report, as a supplement to the Rules of Order, the following rules of proceeding, which they believe, if adhered to, will aid us materially in the economy of time, and consequently, expedite the deliberations of the Convention, and the dispatch of business.

Beginning at the point where the rules prescribed by the Eleventh Canon, entitled "on the mode of organizing the Convention," end, and where the Bishop pronounces the Convention duly organized, your Committee recommend that the following clauses be hereafter appended to, and become a permanent part of our regular rules of

order—that is to say, after the 16th rule of order, add the following, viz:

17. The first thing in order, after the Convention is declared organized, and ready for business, shall be the election of a Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, for the ensuing year.

18. The adoption of rules of order for the government of the Convention, and the reading of said rules by the Secretary.

19. The appointment of the following Standing Committees—viz: 1st, On Credentials; 2nd, On the Admission of New Congregations; 3rd, On the State of the Church; 4th, On Finance; 5th, On Constitution and Canons; 6th, On Diocesan Schools; 7th, On Unfinished Business.

20. The reading of the Bishop's Journal and Address.

21. The reading of the Parochial Reports.

22. The reading of the report of the Treasurer of the Convention.

23. The reading of the report of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

24. The reading of the report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

25. The reading of reports from Committees, appointed by the last Convention.

26. Designation of time and place for holding the next Convention.

27. The election of Diocesan Officers—1st, the members of the Standing Committee; 2nd, Treasurer of the Diocese; 3rd, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund; 4th, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; 5th, Members of the Ecclesiastical Court; 6th, Deputies to General Convention, (when required); 7th, Any other Diocesan Officers necessary to be elected.

28. Reports of Standing Committees.

29. Reports from Special Committees.

30. General motions, resolutions, and propositions.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. S. JOHNSTON, }  
GILES M. HILLYER, } Com'tee.

The report was received, and on motion, adopted, and the Rules of Order of the Convention amended in accordance therewith.

The following resolution was offered, and adopted.

*Resolved*, That the subject of repairing the Episcopal Residence near the City of Jackson, be referred to the Committee on Finance, to ascertain what repairs are necessary, and how the means are to be raised.

Mr. W. J. Britton, a Lay Delegate from the Chapel of the Cross, Madison county, asked and obtained leave of absence from the sittings of this Convention, after this evening.

The Convention then adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

GRACE CHURCH, CANTON, }  
 SATURDAY, April 25, 1857—3 o'clock, P. M. }

The Convention was called to order at 3 o'clock, by the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese.

Present as before.

On motion, so much of the Bishop's Address as related to the proposed South Western University, together with the Address of the Bishops of the South Western States, to their Dioceses on this subject, was referred to a special Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Lord and Sill, and Messrs. Johnston, Hillyer and Tappan.

On motion, so much of the Bishop's Address as related to a Diocesan Female Seminary, was referred to a special Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Miller and Stout, and Messrs. Roach, Shackelford and Hinton.

On motion, the remainder of the Bishop's Address, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Rev. Mr. Miller, took the chair as President of the Convention, at the request of the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Treasurer of the Diocese, presented his report, which was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

REPORT

OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Diocese, reports that he has received since the last Convention from all sources, and paid over to the Bishop, as by receipts No. 1 to 39, filed herewith, the sum of

	\$2,817 50
Amount over-paid to Bishop last year,     -     -     -	98
	\$2,818 48
Amount of Bishop's salary by resolution of 1856,     -	\$3,000 00

Amount due the Bishop for year ending July 1, 1857,     -     \$181 52

Statement A, shows the amount of arrears of Parishes last year; amount assessed by Convention of 1856; total amount of arrears and assessments due; total amount paid by Parishes during the year, \$2,317; and arrears now due from Parishes, \$450 50.

Statement B, exhibits the amount collected from interest on Bishop's Fund Notes, during the year, \$435 50.

Statement C, shows the amount paid by individuals during the year towards the support of the Bishop, \$65.

The amount of notes held as a fund for the support of the Episcopate, is \$6,850 00, of which \$3,287 50 bears six per cent interest, and \$3,062 50 bears ten per cent. interest, yielding annually \$503 50.

The undersigned, in accordance with the resolution of the Convention of 1856, (Journal, page 43,) has, as far as practicable, called in the amounts falling due at 6 per cent., and reloaned them at ten per cent., giving the original parties the preference.

Besides the amount due from Parishes assessed as above, \$450 50  
There is due, interest on note to Bishop's Fund, 60 00  
And an annual contributor reported last Convention, 50 00

Total arrears of all kinds, \$560 50

Respectfully submitted,

J. ROACH, Treasurer,

CANTON, April 25, 1857.

Diocese of Mississippi.

[The following endorsement was placed upon the Report, by the Committee on Finance.—SECRET.]

We hereby certify that we have examined the Treasurer's Account accompanying the within Report, compared it with the vouchers, and found it correct.

J. S. JOHNSTON,

Chairman of Finance Committee.

#### STATEMENT A.

Assessments, Etc., for Bishop's Salary — Year Ending April, 1857.

<i>Names of Parishes.</i>	<i>Arrears.</i>	<i>Assessment.</i>	<i>Total Due.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>	<i>Due &amp; P.</i>
Trinity, Natchez,	00 00	500 00	500 00	500 00	00 00
Christ Church, Vicksburg,	00 00	280 00	280 00	280 00	00 00
St. Andrew's, Jackson,	00 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	00 00
Christ Church, Jefferson,	00 00	280 00	280 00	280 00	00 00
Christ Church, Holly Springs,	00 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	00 00
St. Paul's, Woodville,	00 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	00 00
Trinity, Pass Christian,	00 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	00 00
Trinity, Yazoo City,	00 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	00 00
St. Paul's, Columbus,	20 00	80 00	90 00	90 00	00 00
St. John's, Lake Washington,	00 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	00 00
St. Phillip's, Kirkwood,	00 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	00 00
St. Andrew's, Marshall,	00 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	00 00
Grace Church, Canton,	00 00	60 00	60 00	60 00	00 00
St. Peter's, Oxford,	00 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	00 00
Epiphany, Claiborne,	25 00	30 00	55 00	55 00	00 00
St. John's, Aberdeen,	20 00	20 00	40 00	40 00	00 00
St. John's, Pontotoc,	40 00	20 00	60 00	60 00	00 00
Chapel of the Cross, Madison,	00 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	00 00
Advent, Washington,	20 00	20 00	40 00	40 00	00 00
St. Matthew's, Clinton,	00 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	00 00
St. Mark's, Raymond,	5 00	20 00	25 00	25 00	00 00
Calvary, Holmes County,	00 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	00 00
St. Paul's, Grand Gulf,	00 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	00 00
St. John's, Annapolis,	00 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	00 00
St. Luke's, Brandon,	20 00	10 00	30 00	30 00	00 00
Memph. Natchez,	20 00	10 00	30 00	30 00	00 00
Arconson, Hernando,	20 00	10 00	30 00	30 00	00 00
Grace Church, Okolona,	00 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	00 00
St. James', Port Gibson,	2 50	10 00	12 50	12 50	00 00
St. John's, Early Grove,	20 00	10 00	30 00	30 00	00 00
St. John's, D-Soto,	20 00	10 00	30 00	30 00	00 00
Crossfield, Yazoo,	00 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	00 00
St. Mary's, Silver Creek (new parish)	00 00	00 00	00 00	5 00	00 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$348 50</b>	<b>\$2250 00</b>	<b>\$2,648 50</b>	<b>\$2,217 00</b>	<b>\$450 50</b>

## STATEMENT B.

*Received on Account of Bishop's Fund.*

W. B. Shields, interest on note to	April 1, 1856,	-	-	12 00
E. J. Hinton, " " " "	" " " "	-	-	15 00
G. W. Turner, " " " "	Nov. 1, " (principal paid			
	and funded at 10 per cent.)	95 00		
O. O. Woodman, " " " "	Jan. 1, 1857,	-	-	9 00
Jas. S. Johnston, " " " "	Oct. 1, 1856,	-	-	30 00
M. W. Ewing, " " " "	April 1, 1857,	-	-	6 00
J. D. Shields, " " " "	Jan. 1, 1857,	-	-	20 00
Wm. Yerger, " " " "	April 1, 1857,	-	-	35 00
W. C. Smedes, " " " "	Jan. 1, 1857,	-	-	30 00
Geo. S. Yerger, " " " "	Jan. 1, 1857,	-	-	80 00
J. D. Stewart, " " " "	Aug. 22, 1856,	-	-	12 00
W. D. Bell, " " " "	June 1, 1856,	-	-	12 00
E. J. Hinton, " " " "	April 1, 1857,	-	-	17 50
W. B. Shields, " " " "	May —, 1857,	-	-	12 00

Total from Interest on Bishop's Fund, - - \$435 50

## STATEMENT C.

*Contributions from Individuals towards Bishop's Salary.*

Mrs. Chloe A. Hinton,	-	-	Aug. 18, 1856,	-	-	15 00
T. S. Anderson, Esq.,	-	-	Sept. 5, 1856,	-	-	15 00
Col. Fielding Davis,	-	-	March 6, 1857,	-	-	20 00
Mrs. C. A. Hinton,	-	-	April 25, 1857,	-	-	15 00

Total from Individuals, - - - - - \$65 00

The Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that they had carefully examined the Proceedings of the last Annual Convention, and that the matters contained therein had been entirely disposed of.

Which Report was received and the Committee discharged.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Diocesan Officers for the ensuing year: and the balloting in each case having been by a unanimous vote dispensed with, the following of the Clergy and Laity were unanimously elected to the several offices named:

## STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. W. Lord,	Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,
Rev. Henry Sansom,	Mr. W. C. Smedes.
Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne,	

## TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND AND CHURCH PROPERTY.

Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,
Mr. James Roach,
Hon. Charles Scott.

## TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. W. W. Lord,  
 Rev. Jas. A. Fox,  
 Mr. Geo. S. Yerger.

## ECCLÉSIASTICAL COURT.

Rev. B. M. Miller,	Rev. H. Sansom,
Rev. Jas. A. Fox,	Rev. W. W. Lord.
Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne,	

## TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

Mr. James Roach, Vicksburg.

The Committee on Diocesan Schools presented the following Report, which was received and read:

## REPORT

## OF COMMITTEE ON DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

Your Committee are without any definite information on the subject assigned them.

To their knowledge, there is now but one school, St. Thomas Hall, Holly Springs, in connexion with the Convention; and from that they have no report, nor any sufficient knowledge to warrant them in making any statement, further than that the School is still under the charge of the Rev. James W. Rogers, and that nothing has occurred to weaken the commendation heretofore given, and we beg to commend it to the patronage of the members of the Church. Several other schools are under the charge of the Clergy, and we trust doing a good work for Christ and his Church. A very earnest effort is being made at St. John's, Early Grove, to found a Parish School for boys, of a classical, and perhaps, collegiate order. Such progress has been made as to warrant the hope, entertained by the proprietors, that it will be carried on to success.

G. W. SILL, Chairman.

The subject of the time and place of holding the next Annual Convention of the Diocese, was then, on motion, taken up, when it was moved and seconded, and carried—

That the Thirty-second Annual Convention of the Diocese should be held in *St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, on the Fourth Thursday in April, A. D. 1858.*

The Treasurer of the Convention presented the following Report, together with his Account Current and accompanying documents, which were received, read, and referred to the Committee on Finance:



## REPORT

## OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

*To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of Mississippi.*

The Treasurer of the Convention presents his Account Current of the Contingent Expense Fund.

But three of the eleven parishes indebted last year for arrearages, have paid those arrearages; while but fifteen out of thirty-two parishes, have paid the assessments upon them, made by the Convention of 1856, for Contingent Expenses.

There are now on hand \$151 14, to meet the expenses of the present Convention, which are estimated at \$275 00. There are also due from seventeen parishes, arrearages to the amount of \$222 50.

The Treasurer appends a list of these arrearages, and the parishes from which they are due.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GILES M. HILLYER,

Treasurer of Convention.

[The Account Current of the Treasurer will be found in the Appendix.]

### Arrearages to Contingent Expense Fund.

Parishes.	April 1854.	April 1855.	April 1856
St. Paul's Church, Woodville,			15 00
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf,			5 00
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton,			5 00
St. Paul's Church, Columbus,		15 00	15 00
Christ Church, Holly Springs,			20 00
Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne co.,			5 00
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county,			10 00
St. John's Church, Pontotoc,	5 00	5 00	5 00
Ascension Church, Hernando, *			5 00
St. John's Church, DeSoto,	5 00	5 00	5 00
Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo co., *			2 50
St. Luke's Church, Brandon,	10 00	10 00	5 00
St. John's Church, Lake Washington, *	10 00	10 00	10 00
St. James' Church, Port Gibson,	5 00	5 00	5 00
Grace Church, Okolena,		5 00	5 00
Church of the Advent, Washington,		5 00	5 00
Church of the Messiah, Noxubee,			5 00
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	\$35 00	\$60 00	\$127 50

Arrearages : Assessments of 1854,

" " 1855,

" " 1856,

35 00

60 00

127 50

[Those Parishes marked with an asterisk, thus \*, have paid in their arrearages, since the presentation of this Report.]

The Parochial Reports of Christ Church, Holly Springs; St. Peter's Church, Oxford; and the Church of the Ascension, Hernando, were read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Special Committee on the subject of a Diocesan Female School, presented the following:

### REPORT

#### ON DIOCESAN FEMALE SCHOOL.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address, relating to the subject of a Diocesan Female School, respectfully report, that they are not prepared from any information in their possession, or from acquaintance with the subject, to recommend any active measures to the Convention. They therefore propose the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a committee of three persons, to take the matter into consideration and report thereon to the next Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

B. M. MILLER, Chairman.

Which Report was received and adopted, and the resolution thereto appended, was also adopted.

The Committee under the foregoing resolution consists as follows: Messrs. Geo. S. Yerger, James S. Johnston, and Wm. J. Britton.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons, reported to the Convention, through their Chairman, that there had been no propositions to alter or amend either the Constitution or Canons, referred to them, nor did they deem any alteration or amendment necessary.

Which Report was received and agreed to.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Convention cause to be printed nine hundred copies of the Proceedings of this Convention; furnish the Bishop with two hundred copies thereof, and distribute the balance in his discretion.

The Convention then took a recess for half an hour, in order to allow a meeting to be held of the Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge, in the Diocese of Mississippi.

[For its Proceedings, etc., see Appendix.]

After recess, the Convention was again called to order, by the Rev. B. M. Miller, President, *pro tem.*, in the absence of the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the subject of a South-western University, presented the following Report, which was received, read, and on motion, adopted :

### REPORT

#### ON THE PROPOSED SOUTH-WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The Committee on the projected Southern University, report that they cordially concur and sympathize with the general views which prompted the Address of the Bishops of the Southern and South-western States, to the members and friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

They are assured that this Address originated in no sectional prejudice. The great interests of Education and of the Church, imperatively demand such an institution ; nor do they see that there are any difficulties in the way which will not exist, and even increase, in the future. These difficulties arise in doubts felt by members of the Committee, as to whether it be practicable to obtain such a charter from any State, as will secure the institution to the Church, beyond the power of any future legislative action to divert the donations to a purpose foreign from the intentions of the donors. It being presumed that the Trustees will assure themselves upon this point, and give and receive such pledges as the interests of the Church require, the Committee recommend that the requested co-operation of the Diocese be accorded.

It is understood that the Diocese is not pledged by this resolution to raise any specific sum of money, nor held liable for the subscriptions of its members.

The Committee are aware that the present discouragements under which the educational interests of our Diocese suffer, from the failure of our Diocesan College, naturally produce a dispiriting effect in view of any similar enterprise. They are disposed however, to see in this, but an additional incentive, to secure, if possible, by combination with other Dioceses, what our own Diocese has failed to secure by their own best efforts, and considerable and praiseworthy sacrifices of individual members. They conceive that the moral co-operation of this Diocese, though, perhaps, not absolutely necessary to the success of the enterprise, becomes a solemn and important duty, in view of the fact, that *its absence* may operate to the discouragement of a scheme which promises, at least, to be successful, and the success of which will inaugurate a new era in the history of the Church in America.

While they feel and weigh the objections which are urged against the projected institution, they do not feel that they have a moral right to oppose, or neglect to assist, to the utmost of their power, an enterprise inspired by a spirit so noble and comprehensive in its plan and aim, as to induce the impression that it is of God, and not

of man. Nor does it consist with the spirit which has hitherto seemed to animate the Churchmen of the South-west, that they should leave to posterity a work which they seem providentially called to perform *for* it.

W. W. LORD, Chairman of the Committee.

The following resolution, connected with the subject of the Report, was presented :

*Be it Resolved*, That this Convention proceed to the election of Trustees of the proposed South-western University, who shall also act as Delegates to represent this Diocese at the Convention to be held at Chattanooga, in July next; and that such Delegates are instructed to report the proceedings of such Convention at the next Annual Convention of this Diocese.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted, and the foregoing resolution was agreed to.

Under the resolution, the following gentlemen were elected Trustees and Delegates: Rev. W. W. Lord, and Messrs. Geo. S. Yerger and Eugene J. Hinton.

The Convention then, on motion, adjourned, to meet again to-night, immediately after Divine Service.

Divine Service was celebrated at eight o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. W. C. Stout, read the Evening Service, assisted by the Rev. E. H. Downing, and the Rev. Mr. Stout preached from the Book of Numbers: xxiii. chapter, 10th verse—"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order at half-past nine o'clock, by the Rev. B. M. Miller, President, *pro tem*.

Upon roll call, there were found present as before, with the addition of the following Lay Delegates:

*St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood* - Col. W. McWillie.

*Grace Church, Canton* - T. C. Tupper.

The Minutes of the Proceedings of this day, up to the present sitting, were read and approved.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the printing of the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese, be dispensed with, in the next Journal.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

*Resolved*, That in conformity with the request of the "Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi," lately in session, the proceedings of its annual meeting, and the Constitution of said Society, be printed in an Appendix to the Journal of this Convention.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That in view of the critical condition of the health of our beloved Diocesan, it is the unanimous sense of this Convention, that it should be recommended to him to suspend the active duties and labors of the Episcopate, for such length of time as his health may require for its re-establishment; and that, in connexion with the Standing Committee, he provide in the interim, such Episcopal Services as the wants of the Diocese may demand.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby tendered to the Congregation of Grace Church, and the citizens of Canton, for the kind and courteous manner in which they have entertained us while here; and that the Rector and Lay Delegates of the Parish, be requested to make this resolution known to them.

The Committee on Finance presented the following :

### REPORT

#### OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese, respecting the Bishop's salary, have examined the same with the accompanying account and vouchers, and find it entirely correct.

They have likewise carefully considered the subject of the means the Convention will have, on which it can reasonably rely for paying the Bishop his salary for the ensuing year. In addition to the interest accruing and to accrue on the notes of contributors to the Episcopal Fund, under the arrangement authorized by the last Convention, besides what is expected to be realized from the arrearages due from several delinquent parishes, on last year's account, your Committee think that only a slight change in the assessment, involving no material increase of burden on the parishes, added to a moderate assessment on the new parishes just admitted into union with the Convention, will be sufficient to discharge the obligation of \$3,000 for the Bishop's salary for the ensuing year, and also, the deficit of \$181 52, shown by the Treasurer to be due and unpaid on last year's account.

Should we not be deceived in our calculations with regard to the sources of revenue to which we look for a supply of adequate means, those sources, we think, may be depended on to yield a fraction over \$3,800, or rather more than \$100 over and above the required amount.

The following is the new list of assessments for Bishop's Salary and Contingent Expenses :

Parishes.	Bishop's Fund.	Contingent Expenses.
Trinity Church, Natchez, -	\$500	40
Christ Church, Vicksburg, -	380	30
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, -	300	30
Christ Church, Church Hill, -	260	30
Christ Church, Holly Springs, -	120	20
Trinity Church, Pas Christian, -	120	15
Trinity Church, Yazoo City, -	80	20
St. Paul's Church, Woodville, -	100	15
St. Paul's Church, Columbus, -	60	15
St. John's Church, Lake Washington, -	80	10
St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood, -	65	10
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, -	50	10
Grace Church, Canton, -	65	10
St. Peter's Church, Oxford, -	60	5
Epiphany Church, Claiborne county, -	30	5
St. John's Church, Aberdeen, -	20	5
St. John's Church, Pontotoc, -	10	5
Chapel of the Cross, Madison county, -	30	5
Advent Church, Washington, -	20	5
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton, -	20	5
St. Mark's Church, Raymond, -	20	5
Calvary Church, Holmes county, -	20	5
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf, -	20	5
St. John's Chapel, Annadale, -	20	5
St. Luke's Church, Brandon, -	10	10
Messiah Church, Noxubee county, -	10	5
Ascension Church, Hernando, -	10	5
Grace Church, Okolona, -	10	5
St. James' Church, Port Gibson, -	10	5
St. John's Church, Early Grove, -	10	5
St. John's Church, Desoto, -	10	5
Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo county, -	10	2 50
Christ Church, Monticello, -	10	5
St. Thomas' Church, Pikeville, -	10	5
	<hr/> \$2550	<hr/> \$362 50

In reference to the sum needed for defraying the contingent expenses of the Diocese, assuming, what we will not permit ourselves to question, that the delinquent parishes will not inflict upon the Treasurer of the Convention, the injustice of allowing him to lay out of the advances he has made on their behalf, your Committee have believed it would suffice, to let the assessment of the last Convention remain untouched, only adding thereto an equitable assessment on the new parishes just introduced into union with the Diocese.

With respect to the subject of repairs, alleged to be necessary for the comfort and safety of the Bishop's residence, your Committee, having no definite information on which to base any action, not knowing either the character of the repairs required, or the probable cost of such repairs, would recommend that the Committee on Church Property of the Diocese, be authorized and instructed to make or cause to be made due examination of the premises, with the view of suggesting and proposing to the different Parishes, the best mode of contributing the means to place said premises in good repair. We therefore, append the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Church Property be appointed a Committee for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAS. S. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

Which Report was received, and, with the resolution thereto appended, was adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following report, which was received and agreed to.

#### REPORT

##### OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

In presenting a Report on the State of the Church, your Committee would, in humble gratitude, express their thanks, to our Heavenly Father for his blessings during the past year. The progress of our faith has not been as great as we could have desired, yet, as Omnipotence some times in the natural world withholds the vital force from plant and tree, that a larger development may follow, so do we believe the seeming halt in our progress is only an evidence of our future growth and power. The Church is now stronger than a year ago, although the statistics fall below those of last year; her hardest battles are fought, and a glorious victory will soon crown her triumphs. The indefatigable zeal and energy of our Bishop, and the earnest efforts of the Clergy, can not fail to establish the true faith in our country. But to secure the final triumph of the Gospel, will require the countenance and prayerful efforts of both Laity and Clergy.

The Missionaries in the various fields allotted them, are doing a good work for the Church; they are self-denying men, men baptized with the Spirit of Christ, and although the amount accomplished by them seems small, yet they are sowing the seeds of life which will bud and bloom long after they have ceased from their labors. The foot-prints of the lamented Haywood will long be seen on the sands of Yallobusha; his converts to the faith are already a never-dying monument to his love of the Saviour. The prayers and means of the Church should be more earnestly devoted to the Missionary cause; this is the hope of the Diocese; we have not, judging from the reports, done as much as we ought, and should remember this during the coming year.

We would also call the attention of the Church to the cause of Education: because some of our enterprises have failed, this is no reason, that we now should be inactive in the mental and moral culture of the young. Much of our success depends on Education, as the history of the Church demonstrates.

The following is a summary of the last year's reports. It is proper to add, that fourteen out of the thirty-eight parishes of the Diocese have, up to the present time, failed to report:

Number of Families,	-	-	-	-	-	-	573
Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
“ Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	311
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	880
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	68
S. S. Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	68
S. S. Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	423
Contributions for Church purposes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$14,899.49

There have, during the past year, removed from the Diocese, eight Clergymen, and been added, seven. Two new parishes have been received into union with the Convention; one Church has been consecrated, and one Clergyman has died.

We would urge again upon the Clergy, the necessity of giving in their Reports in the prescribed form, and also the propriety of giving the Committee some written facts as to the general condition of the Church in their fields of labor. The want of this compels your Committee to present a meagre report. Many of the Parishes this year have sent no report, and consequently, the present report is not a fair test as to strength and number. Notwithstanding this, the contributions are much larger than any previous year, and we have no doubt were all reported, such would be the case in other matters.

THOS. B. LAWSON, Chairman.

No further business appearing before the Convention, a motion was made and carried, that this Convention adjourn *sine die*, immediately after Divine Service, to-morrow (Sunday) evening.

The Minutes of this evening's sitting were examined and approved—

And the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow evening at ten o'clock.

Divine Service was celebrated on Sunday morning, April 26th, it being the second Sunday after Easter, as follows:

In Grace Church, at half-past six o'clock, A. M.; the Rev. B. M. Miller, reading the Morning Service, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Stout.



At 11 o'clock, A. M., the Rev. B. M. Miller read the Litany; the Rt. Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, read the Ante-Communion Service, and the Rev. W. W. Lord, preached from the second Epistle to the Corinthians; iv. chap., 7 verse: "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."

The admission of Mr. Calvin McGuffee to the Diaconate followed. He was presented to the Bishop, by the Rev. Henry Sansom, and the Rev. B. Halsted.

After which, the Sacrament of the Holy Communion was administered by the Rt. Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. B. M. Miller, Rev. H. Sansom, Rev. W. C. Stout, Rev. B. Halsted, Rev. C. F. Rodenstein, Rev. G. B. Hayden, Rev. F. Elwell, and Rev. G. W. Sill.

Divine Service was also celebrated at 11 o'clock, A. M. in the Presbyterian Church, and the Baptist Church; the use of these Churches having been kindly offered for the occasion.

At the former Church, the Rev. Mr. Ozanne, read prayers, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Denniston; and the Rev. G. W. Sill preached.

At the latter, the Rev. F. Elwell read the Morning Service, and the Rev. Charles Reighley, D. D., preached.

Divine Service was also celebrated in Grace Church, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne read the Evening Service, and the Rev. F. W. Damus preached from the Epistle to the Romans: vi. chap. 23rd verse—"The gift of God is eternal life."

Also, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. F. Elwell read prayers, assisted by the Rev. Charles Reighley, D. D., and the Rev. G. B. Hayden; and the Rev. Thos. B. Lawson preached from the Gospel according to St. Mark: xvi. chap. 15th verse—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

A collection was then taken up in aid of the funds of the Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi.

The Rite of Confirmation was then administered to seven candidates, presented by the Rev. Henry Sansom, of Grace Church, Canton.

The Convention then came to order at ten o'clock, at the call of the Bishop of the Diocese.

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Ministers and Congregations of the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches, in Canton, for their Christian courtesy, in inviting our Clergy to occupy their Churches this day: and that the Rev. Mr. Sansom be requested to carry this resolution into effect.

Whereupon, the Rt. Reverend. the Bishop of the Diocese, after a brief Address, Prayers and the Apostolic Benediction, declared the Thirty first Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, adjourned *sine die*.

GILES M. HILLYER, Secretary.



# APPENDIX.

## JOURNAL AND ADDRESS,

OF

RT. REV. WM. M. GREEN.

A review of the past year presents us, my Beloved Brethren, with occasion for both sorrow and thankfulness. The kindly fruits of the earth have been plentifully given and preserved to our use; the hand of pestilence has been kept away from us, and our land far and wide has enjoyed the blessings of peace and quietness. But has there been equal health and fruitfulness in that portion of God's vineyard which he has given us to tend? Does the closing year reveal no gap in our ranks? Do its months and weeks and days, whisper no words of reproach in our ears? Alas, if it be hard to endure the test of one short twelvemonth, with its countless responsibilities, how shall we stand when He appeareth who is to try the reins and the heart, and judge us for all our thoughts and words and works! That day, beloved, is not far from any one of us. In anticipation of its scrutiny and its awards, let us on this one more assembling of ourselves together, feel that our Judge standeth before the door, and prepare to give in with becoming reverence and awe the account of our past year's stewardship.

If I did not know that there are seasons of depression in God's Church, as well as in the experience of his individual servants; and that these periods of gloom, like all other things that come from His hand, are meant for our good, I should be truly cast down at the meagre results of our past year's labors, and the disappointment which has met us where we had once fondly counted on success. One of our Clergy has been called from his labors to rest with Christ; another stands charged with a grievous offence; and eight more have, on various accounts, sought other fields where their labors are more likely to be appreciated and rewarded; whilst seven only have come in to fill their places. In addition to this Clerical loss we have to mourn, what seemed an unavoidable necessity—the abandonment and sale of our Principal Diocesan school—the failure of our

hope to revive our Church Paper, and a too general want of interest in our Institutions of a Diocesan or Extra-Parochial character. As the spirit of true patriotism can not be confined to any one corner or section of one's country, but spreads its sympathies and good offices through every part; so is it also with respect to the several organizations of our Diocese, and their divisions into Parishes. Each congregation and every member of the same is bound to look to the general good. And as in the human structure, an active and healthy state of the general system imparts life and vigor to the distant extremities, so does a generous concern for the more comprehensive charities of the Church, redound in full measure to the good of every individual parish or member concerned.

But I turn from these general statements and reflections, to fulfil the duty which now devolves upon me of setting before you an account of my past year's labors.

*April 26, 1856*—Before the adjournment of our last Convention, I confirmed in Christ's Church, Vicksburg, *four* persons.

*April 29*—Gave to Rev. Joshua Sweet, "Letters Dimissory," to the Missionary Bishop of the North West.

*May 2*—Reached Lake Washington and spent the day in visiting the Parish. Next day preached in the Church, which though unfinished, was conveniently prepared for the occasion. The congregation was large and duly attentive. After the services I baptized *two* children.

The 10th and 11th were spent at Kirkwood. On the 11th I preached in St. Phillip's Church, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Ozanne, and confirmed *one* white and *six* colored persons, and administered the Holy Communion. This Parish which has never possessed any numerical strength, has lately been weakened by the removal of one of its largest and most active families.

*May 12*—Crossed over to Lexington and thence to Carrollton. Here I was pleased to find our Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Peabody, zealously at work, and to learn that his labors were likely to prove useful.

From this point I struck across the country in order to visit the Churches in the Eastern portion of my charge. On the afternoon of the 15th, I reached Houston, the Seat of Justice of Chickasaw county. I did not preach that night as I expected, the letter containing my appointment having been sixteen instead of four days upon the road. Before leaving the place I visited the few friends of the Church, who seem deeply to regret the discontinuance of Mr. Lawson's services among them.

*May 16*—Reached Col. Charles Gates' residence eight miles from Okolona. Being here joined by the Rev. Mr. Lawson, I remained all night; and next morning gave the baptism of the Church, to *two* adults—Col. Gates and his wife. In this neighborhood Mr. Lawson has good hopes of building a Church and organising a Parish.

*Sunday 18*—Assisted by Mr. Lawson I officiated in Grace Church, Okolona, preaching and administering the rite of confirmation to *three* persons. In the afternoon I preached in the neighboring Chapel of Dr. John W. Tucker, to his slaves and those of his two nearest neighbors. The house was full, and much interest was manifested, especially, when *seven* of their number came forward to be confirmed.

Mr. Lawson continues to labor faithfully in this region; but his attention is necessarily much occupied with the Female School which the claims of his family have forced upon him.

*Monday 19*—Rode to Pontotoc accompanied by Mr. Lawson. Here I spent two days, preached twice, confirmed *three* persons, and visited nearly every family of the Congregation. The interests of this Parish have sensibly suffered by the removal of Mr. Lawson to Okolona. As they have a large and every way eligible lot for the purpose, they are desirous of erecting upon it a neat and becoming place of worship: that which they now use being held by them in joint ownership with one of the denominations of the place. In so good a work I would rejoice to see them aided by the contributions of some of the older and more wealthy Parishes. On the 22nd, I returned to Okolona—thirty miles, and preached that night.

On the 23rd, reached Aberdeen. I found this little flock much depressed and disheartened. Their late Pastor had left them; and left them not to mourn his absence, but to lament that he had ever come among them. I visited all the friends and members of the Church and encouraged them to meet with promptness the difficulties of their present condition. On Friday, 23rd, I preached; and again on Saturday evening. I was met here by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, of the Diocese of Louisiana, who preached for me on Sunday forenoon, and assisted in the other services of the occasion. I baptized *one* adult, and *one* infant, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I preached, and confirmed *three* persons. In the evening I confirmed *one* other in private, and baptized *one* child and *one* adult.

On Monday I called a meeting of the congregation, and addressed them on the condition of the Parish. A new Vestry was elected. Upon looking with them into the pecuniary indebtedness of the Parish, I was thankful to find it not so much as I had been led to fear. A determination was expressed both by the Vestry and Congregation, to pay it off by the end of the year; and a sufficient sum was subscribed on the spot to secure the services of a Minister. Much has been done for this Parish by the zealous labors of a few devoted women, who I here gratefully acknowledge were much assisted and encouraged by their Christian Sisters of other denominations. Such an instance of disinterested and well directed charity fully deserves the public acknowledgment, which it now receives at my hands.

*Tuesday 27*—I visited Barton and Vinton with the expectation of preaching at both places that day, but found on my arrival that

no appointment had been made; the friend to whom I had written having removed from the place since my last visit.

I passed over that evening to Columbus, where four days were spent in visiting, both in town and country. On Friday, I baptized in private *two* children at Waverly. On Saturday, preached in Columbus in the evening. *Sunday June 1st*, preached again in the forenoon, the afternoon, and at night, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Mott, and by Mr. Wilson. In the forenoon the Holy Communion was administered; and in the afternoon *five* persons were confirmed. I was grieved to find that their Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Mott, had been compelled by declining health to resign his charge. His zealous and faithful services could not have failed to advance the interests of the Parish, had he continued among them. The Vestry were just about commencing a new Church, for which a very eligible site and a subscription of \$6,000, or \$7,000, had been obtained.

*Monday, June 2*—Rode fifteen miles to fill an appointment which had been made for me at Crawfordsville, and at 11 o'clock, preached in the Baptist Church to a Congregation, which seemed for the first time to have witnessed our services. In the evening I rode twelve miles, and spent the night with a friend and former pupil from North Carolina.

*Sunday 3*—Reached Macon. Preached that evening and the next in the Methodist Church. On the latter occasion I confirmed *one* person, and gave the baptism of the Church to *another* who justly doubted that which had previous been received. The prospects of the Church in this place are somewhat more encouraging than formerly. One or two male members have recently been added. On Wednesday I called a meeting of the Congregation. A Parish was organized by the name of "Immanuel," and Wardens and Vestrymen were duly elected. Assurance also, was given me that four or five hundred dollars would be raised for the support of a Clergyman who would give them the greater part of his services.

*Wednesday 5*—Rode twelve miles to the "Church of the Messiah," in the south western part of the county. The next day preached, and baptized *one* infant. The flock at this place, though "a little one" indeed, is not wanting in becoming piety and zeal for the House of God. Much would I rejoice to secure to them such a Pastor as they desire and deserve.

On the 7th, I reached De Kalb, and preached that night to a small number in the Methodist Church. The next day *Sunday 8th*, I preached again to quite a full congregation. Only two communicants of our Church are to be found in this place. It is on their account chiefly, that, from year to year I turn aside in my journeying to spend a day in this place. One of these is the father of a large family. He alone of his household has retained among the trying circumstances of his position, allegiance to the Church in which he was baptized. The other is one, who, from her childhood, has served the Church with a loving heart and a liberal hand, and who, in addition to her prayers, gives annually to one or the other of its

Institutions, at least one tenth of her whole income—an income derived from her own daily labor in a school. I was compelled to leave De Kalb in the afternoon, in order to reach the Railroad in time for the morning train.

On Monday evening I arrived at Mobile, and spent the following day with my late highly valued Presbyter, Rev. Joseph H. Ingraham. It was no little pleasure to me to witness with my own eyes, the good work that he has here accomplished in the space of less than three years.

My next appointment was at Biloxi, where I arrived on the 12th. The two following days were spent in visiting the families of the Parish, in company with their Minister, the Rev. Mr. Whitall. And I was truly rejoiced to find the number much increased since my last visit. *Sunday 15th*, I preached at 11 o'clock, in a room (below the Masonic Hall) which has been very neatly and appropriately fitted up for the purpose. It did not, however, contain more than one half of the number in attendance. I was assisted during the day by Mr. Whitall, who has for nine months been laboring very faithfully, and, as it seems, very effectively in this place. At the close of the Sermon, my heart was gladdened at seeing from out of this little flock, which can scarcely be said to have enjoyed altogether more than one year of ministerial labor, *twenty-one* persons coming forward to give themselves to God in the holy rite of Confirmation. Before the hour of worship, I met the children of the Sunday School, about seventy in number, and made a suitable address to them. The children of the Methodist Sunday School were likewise present; and I was gratified at the opportunity of saying a few kind and instructive words to them, as well as to the lambs of our own flock. In the afternoon I preached again. Next morning the Congregation was called together for the purpose of electing a new Vestry. I used the occasion to address to them a few words of advice and encouragement, as well as of congratulation, and to instruct the Vestry in the duties of their office. There is in this Congregation, but little wealth independently of those families who reside here only in the summer; but they are of a willing spirit. It is their intention to begin soon to erect a House of Worship, which will afford more room than that which they now occupy, and be exclusively used for the purposes of Divine worship. If, in carrying out their design, they should appeal to their brethren in other parts of the Diocese, I trust that it will be met with becoming sympathy and liberality. Mr. Whitall has rendered himself very acceptable to the citizens of Biloxi, not only by his faithful labors as a Christian Pastor, but also, by his active endeavors to inspire the people with a zeal for the education of their children, in setting on foot schools for the purpose, and in giving to them thus far his own personal superintendence.

*Monday 16*—I visited for the first time, "Ocean Springs" on the opposite side of Biloxi Bay, one among the many pleasant summer retreats on this coast. There are three or four of our Communi-



cants residing here. A lot of good size and well situated, was offered to me on reasonable terms for the building of a Church; and arrangements were made for securing it. Some two or three summers ago, a gentleman from New Orleans kindly obtained from the visitors then at this place, a sum more than sufficient to pay for it.

*Tuesday 17*—Reached Mississippi City at 9 o'clock, and preached at 11, in the Courthouse. The Congregation was small, owing to the imperfect notice that had been given. Mr. Whitall officiated here a few times in the fall of 1855, but has since confined his labors to Biloxi. I greatly desire to see the Church established at this place, and a Church School, male or female, connected with it. A more eligible spot for both purposes could hardly be found within the Diocese. And the way is partially opened for both, by the possession of a beautiful site immediately on the Bay, given to us by Dr. Wm. H. Tegarden. On Wednesday, I preached in Handsborough, and visited a few families of the place.

*Thursday 19*—I passed over to "Pass Christian," where I spent four days in my usual round of visiting. On *Sunday 23rd*, I preached, and confirmed *three* persons. The rain prevented me from again officiating in the afternoon. This Parish is just now in a transition state, the Rev. Dr. Savage, having recently resigned the charge, and the Rev. Mr. Sill, having not yet entered on his duties. I was gratified to learn, that measures are on foot to repair and enlarge their Church. The School of Dr. Savage is very flourishing, and deservedly so.

*Monday 23*—I arrived at Shieldsborough, on the Bay of St. Louis, and preached next morning in a room of an old and dilapidated Hotel, to a Congregation of about thirty souls. As a portion of the citizens had received no notice of my coming, I promised to preach again the following afternoon, and to administer both baptism and Confirmation. The congregation was larger than on the day before. *One* adult and *two* children were baptized, and *three* persons confirmed. The adult thus baptized and confirmed, was an aged and venerable matron, one of the oldest residents of the place, and much beloved and respected by all who knew her. Her example was well calculated to exert a happy influence on a community to whom she had so long and so favorably been known. In the evening, I baptized at the house of Dr. Egar, *three* of his servants, *one* adult and *two* children. Would to God, that I could supply, in some measure, the wants of this small and needy, but earnest little band! As I have before stated, the Roman religion for the most part, prevails in this place. The Protestant families are scarcely more than fifteen in number, and they, wefully divided in their religious preferences. The coast on the west of this place, however, is every year receiving more and more settlers. A considerable portion of these are Protestants, and express a desire to build a place of Worship within their own immediate settlement.

On my way home I spent Sunday, *June 29th*, in Vicksburg, and

preached both forenoon and evening for the Rector. During the latter services, *two* persons were confirmed.

*June 30*—I reached home.

*July 6*—Preached in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, administered the Holy Communion, and baptized *one* infant.

*Friday 11*—Baptized *one* infant, at Evening Prayer.

*Sunday 13*—Preached twice in St. Andrew's Church.

*Monday 14*—Granted Letters Dismissory to Rev. Wm. R. Babcock.

*Friday 18*—Baptized *two* infants at Evening Prayer.

*Sunday 20*—Preached at Brandon, and baptized *one* infant.

*Tuesday 22*—Admitted as a candidate for Orders, Calvin McGuffee, late Minister of the Methodist denomination.

*Thursday 24*—United a couple in holy matrimony in St. Andrew's Church, at 6 A. M., and baptized *five* children.

*Sunday 27*—Preached at St. Phillip's, Kirkwood.

*August, Sunday 3*—Preached at the same place; administered the Holy Communion, and baptized *one* infant. The next day baptized *another* infant in private.

*Sunday 10*—Preached at the "Artesian Springs" to a large and very attentive congregation.

*Wednesday 13*—Baptized *one* infant in St. Phillip's Church.

*Sunday 17*—Officiated in St. Andrew's Church, at 11 A. M. In the afternoon, at the request of the Chaplain, Rev. Edw'd Denniston, I preached in the State Penitentiary, and confirmed *six* of the convicts.

*Sunday 24*—Preached in Canton at 10 A. M., and baptized *one* adult, Calvin McGuffee, who had lately been received as a candidate for Orders. In the afternoon, after appropriate services, I preached to a colored congregation assembled in the Church. The Rector, Rev. Mr. Sanson, also addressed them. They were very attentive and serious, and I was pleased to learn that the number of those who attend our services in this place, is increasing. At 8 P. M., I preached again, and confirmed *two* persons.

*Sunday 31*—Preached in Christ's Church, Vicksburg, at 11 A. M., and 8 P. M., in the absence of the Rector. The next day I performed the funeral rites of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Putnam, a much beloved and faithful member of our Communion.

*Sunday, Sept. 7*—Preached in Clinton at 11 A. M., and in Raymond in the evening.

*Sunday 14*—Preached in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, at 11 A. M., administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed *nine* persons. At 8 o'clock, I again preached. In these services, as well as in all those lately performed in this Church, I was assisted by the Rev. Edw'd Denniston, (Deacon,) who is in temporary charge of the same.

*Tuesday 16*—I baptized in the vicinity of Jackson, *one* adult, and *four* children.

*Thursday 18*—I left home to attend the General Convention, and also the meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Semi-

nary in New York, on the 29th. In passing through Vicksburg, I baptized *one* infant, in the absence of the Rector.

The following three weeks (*October 1st to 22d*) were occupied in attendance on our General Convention in Philadelphia. Of the doings of this highest Council of our Church, time will not allow me here to speak as I desire. Its principal acts of legislation have been widely made known throughout our borders, and have already received the almost unanimous approbation of the members of our Communion. But whilst I forbear to direct your attention to any one or more of its wise enactments, I cannot refrain from here blessing, and from calling upon you to bless, with me, the "*Author of Peace and Lover of Concord*," for the spirit of love and harmony that prevailed in both houses, and throughout the whole session. Although questions of the deepest interest to the Laity, as well as to the Bishops and other Clergy, were made the subject of earnest and protracted discussion, yet no feeling of alienation or discord was permitted for one hour to mar the harmony of our proceedings. All party names and feelings seemed for the time forgotten, and all sectional partialities merged in the happy consciousness that we belonged to *One Undivided Church*; and *One United Country*.

On my way home, I spent ten days among my friends and relatives in North Carolina. In one of my old parishes I baptized four children.

*November 29*—I arrived at Vicksburg; and the next day (*Sunday, 30th*) assisted the Rector in the morning services, and preached in the evening.

*December 1*—I reached home in safety, after many unavoidable delays upon the road.

*Sunday 7*—I worshipped in St. Andrew's Church, receiving the Communion from the newly elected Rector, Rev. Mr. Ozanne.

*Sunday 14*—I spent at Major Vaughn's, in Yazoo county, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Foster. In the forenoon I preached in the parlor to the family, together with several of the neighbors, and a portion of the servants. Mr. Foster preached in the afternoon to a larger number of the servants. In the evening I baptized *one* infant, and confirmed *two* persons. As there are three or four families in this neighborhood strongly attached to the Church, I hope that a suitable place of worship will soon be erected among them. On my way home, I baptized near Canton, *one* colored adult whom I had long known as a faithful servant, and who was now near the end of her labors.

*Sunday 21*—I preached to the inmates of the State Lunatic Asylum; and was as much gratified as surprised at the order and attention, and apparent interest which they manifested. At the close of the services, I distributed among them a number of tracts, mostly of a plain and narrative kind. They expressed their thankfulness in various ways, and begged me to come again.

*Sunday 28*—Worshipped in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

*Sunday, January 4*—Attended service again in St. Andrew's Church, and received the Holy Communion from the Rector, Rev. Mr. Ozanne.

*Sunday 11*—Preached at Oakland Church, near the Rev. Mr. Fox. Although the weather was very cold, the house was pretty well filled. At night, I preached to the servants of Mr. Fox. If the zeal which animates a few females of this neighborhood, was equally felt by others who call themselves friends of the Church, a neat and beautiful Temple would soon rear its spire among them. A very beautiful and central site has been given, and more than half the sum necessary for the building has been subscribed.

*January 13*—I admitted George C. Harriss, as a Candidate for Orders.

*Sunday 18*—Preached in Brandon to a congregation few in number, owing to an imperfect notice of my coming, and to the almost unprecedented severity of the weather.

*Sunday 25*—Detained at home by the inclemency of the day, I called together my children and servants, and offered up with them the same worship to our Heavenly Father which is appointed for his sanctuary, and followed it by such instructions as were suited to the capacities of those who heard me.

*Sunday, February 8*—Preached at Clinton, at 11 A. M., assisted by the Rev. Mr. Elwell. Since my last visitation, the congregation have purchased a building for their public worship; and are about repairing and furnishing it in a becoming manner. The Rev. Mr. Elwell officiates for them on two Sundays of the month; and gives them as much more of his time, as his engagements to his School and Parish in Raymond will admit.

At the close of the services I rode over to Raymond, accompanied by Mr. Elwell, and preached at 4, P. M. The ladies of this congregation are zealously laboring to complete their church building, and fit it for consecration.

*Monday 9*—I reached "Diamond Place," and preached the next day to a few whites, together with the blacks under the care of the Rev. Mr. Damus. I chose for my subject the doctrine of "Conversion," knowing that it was one, concerning which, there are many mistaken views not only among that class, but even the more intelligent. After the Sermon, *one* of the servants of the place was confirmed.

*Wednesday 11*—Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Damus, I passed down to "Hurricane," and preached next morning to the slaves of Mr. Jos. E. Davis, together with his family and a few of his neighbors. Mr. Damus assisted me in the services. I delivered an unwritten discourse, as my custom is on such occasions. It was listened to with apparent interest, especially by the colored portion of the congregation, for whom it was chiefly intended. At the close, *four* of them were confirmed. Mr. Damus continues to labor faithfully for the good of the slaves, both here and at "Diamond Place." He is

cheered by the prospect of soon seeing a becoming House of Worship erected at this place.

My next appointment was for the Church of the Epiphany in Claiborne county. My visit to this Parish was like that of last year, quite unexpected, as the late Rector had left it before my appointments reached him. After visiting two or three families on *Saturday*, I went to the Church, to officiate, on *Sunday* morning. A very heavy rain, which began to fall just before the time of service and continued throughout the day, prevented the congregation from meeting me. To the very small number that did attend, I addressed a few words of admonition and encouragement, after using such portions of our admirable Liturgy as were best adapted to the occasion. As the congregation is at present without a Rector, I licensed one of their members as a Lay Reader. This Parish has been in a state of trial for some time. I now hope that its difficulties are at an end, and that by uniting with Grand Gulf, they may soon obtain a Pastor, and give him a comfortable support. *Monday evening*, I rode to Port Gibson. Next day, visited all the friends of the Church, and preached at night.

*Wednesday and Thursday*, 18 and 19—I spent in Grand Gulf. On *Thursday* evening, I preached to a large and attentive congregation; and the next morning baptized three children.

I was grieved to see this zealous little band of Church friends without a Pastor, for they deserve a faithful man of God among them. It is their intention to unite with the Parish of Epiphany, with the hope of thus making up a salary which may afford a reasonable compensation for a Pastor.

*Thursday night*, I spent at the house of Dr. Thos. B. McGruder; and next morning, before setting out, baptized his infant child.

My next appointment was for Christ Church, Church Hill, which I reached on *Saturday* 21. Assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Miller, I preached twice on that day and on *Sunday*. The entire services were well attended by a serious and devout congregation. The Holy Communion was administered on *Sunday* forenoon. The afternoon of that day was, as heretofore, devoted to the good of the blacks. At the close of the services five of them were confirmed.

I rejoice to say, that this congregation is in a very healthy state. Among other signs of their zeal for the house of the Lord, is a determination to erect a new place of worship, of larger dimensions, and of more comely proportions, than that which they now occupy.

*Tuesday* 24—Reached Washington early in the day; and after visiting the several families and friends of the Church, preached at night in the Methodist Church, which was kindly tendered for the purpose. The members of the Church in this place are unfortunately situated, being too few in number to engage the separate services of a Pastor, and at too great a distance from Natchez, to attend with any regularity or convenience the services at that place.

The next six days were spent in Natchez and its vicinity. Ac-

accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Dowe, who is in temporary charge, I went from house to house, through the greatest part of the Parish; and was glad to find that its interests had not suffered as much as I feared, from the repeated changes in its Pastors, and the long intervals between their ministrations. Mr. Dowe is doing all in his power to promote their good. Services were held in the Church on the day of my arrival, which was Ash-Wednesday, and on Friday, as well as on Sunday. On each occasion, the congregation was larger than usual, but especially on Sunday forenoon, at which time the Holy Communion was administered, and *four* persons confirmed. *One* other had previously received the Rite in private. Before the services, I visited the Sunday School, and made a short address to the children. I was about to preach again in the afternoon, when I was called away to officiate at the interment of Gen. Felix Huston, six miles distant.

On *Monday evening*, I passed down to Second Creek, and spent the next day in visiting all the Church families in that neighborhood. The following day, *fourth of March*, I officiated in St. Mary's Chapel, at Laurel Hill; the country seat of Dr. Wm. N. Mercer.

The congregation was composed of a few neighboring families, who are considered as Parishioners of Trinity Church, Natchez. The services were rendered more solemn and impressive, by the beautiful architecture, and appropriate adornments of the Church itself, and by the thought that we were standing above the mouldering remains of one, whose piety had led to the building of the house, and of another whose young heart, amid all the seductions of a gay and thoughtless world, had here been dedicated to God, as if in anticipation of the early summons that awaited her. During the services, *four* children and *one* adult, were received into covenant with God, in the Sacrament of Baptism.

But that which gave an unusual interest to the occasion, was the sight of *seventy-two* colored children of the estate, brought into the Church to be admitted into the same Holy Covenant. From the age of six months to that of eight years, they clustered around the chancel; and as I received them one by one into the "congregation of Christ's flock," and signed them with the holy emblem of our faith, I could not but praise God with all my soul, for bringing them to this state of salvation, and for placing them in the hands of those who feel and care for them as fellow immortals, made by the same hand, and destined for the same eternity with themselves. Although there is no Minister in present charge of this important field of labor, yet the slaves, especially the younger ones, are not without such religious instruction as a faithful and intelligent Catechist can bestow.

Greatly would I rejoice to see a faithful and judicious Clergyman in the pastoral charge of these numerous slaves.

The following day, on my way to Woodville, I visited several families belonging to the Church.

In St. Paul's Parish, Woodville, I spent three days, preaching on

Friday evening, and on Sunday. On the latter occasion *four* were confirmed. I was assisted in the services by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Reighley, and by the Rev. Mr. Lewis, of Louisiana. Accompanied by the Rector, I visited every family of the Parish, except such as resided at a considerable distance from the town. This congregation, like that of Natchez, has suffered much within the last ten or twelve years, from frequent change of Ministers, and from long intervals between their respective ministrations. It is hoped that a better day is before them.

On *Wednesday 12th*, I reached home, but not in my usual health. Repeated and severe attacks of vertigo, during my visitation, had given no little alarm to my friends, and warned me that whilst no time was to be lost in my work, I must nevertheless work prudently.

After two days rest with my family, I set out on *Saturday* for the "Chapel of the Cross," where I preached the following day, (*Sunday 15*), both forenoon and afternoon. The services on the latter occasion were, according to custom, for the special benefit of the blacks. A number of white persons, however, were present, and seemed to enter into them with full interest. The usual evening prayers were offered, in conjunction with a portion of the Ante-Communion Service; and very touching and impressive was the sight of such a congregation, on their knees, with one voice chanting their humble petition at the rehearsal of each commandment, that God would have mercy upon them, and incline their hearts to keep his laws. The loud and distinct manner in which these slaves make the responses, and the heartiness with which they sing both the chant and the metre tunes, may well put to shame many a congregation in our land, whose intelligence is tenfold, and who have much more reason than they to sound forth the praises of their God.

After I had spoken to them on the great privilege of being called "Sons of God," and the obligations which it involved, their faithful Pastor presented *five* of their number to receive the blessing of Confirmation. One other, who had been prepared for this Holy Rite, was kept away by sudden sickness. It is truly gratifying to witness, from year to year, the good done in this House of God, erected by the pious liberality of a noble lady, — noble in the best sense of the term, because willing to dedicate both herself and much of what God has given her, to His service. How many are there within the bounds of our Diocese, who might in like manner rear the best of monuments to their memory, and rest in their graves, under the shadow of a Temple erected by their own hands, and within sound of a worship which they had established and ensured for many generations!

On *Monday*, I returned to Jackson, and the following morning, after performing the marriage ceremony in St. Andrew's Church, set out for my next appointments in Yazoo, Holmes, and Carroll counties.

*Wednesday, March 8*—I reached Yazoo City, and preached at 11, and 7½, P. M. The following day, I rode on horseback eight miles,

to the plantation of Mr. Geo. S. Yerger, and preached to his slaves, assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Scott. This point, in connexion with Yazoo City, has been, since the first of January, in charge of Rev. John Foster, whose patient and steady labors already begin to promise a harvest of good. After the services at the plantation, I rode back to Yazoo City, and preached again in the evening. This unusual exercise, coming on the back of my recent indisposition, not only prevented me from setting out the next day for Holmes and Carroll counties, but so increased my illness as to compel me, under the advice of my Physician, and friends, to return home, and remain in perfect rest and quietness for some time.

Whilst in Yazoo City, I was pleased to meet the Rev. G. B. Hayden, and to receive his letters of transfer from the Diocese of New York.

*March 28*—Gave my consent to the election of Rt. Rev. Wm. Ingraham Kip, as Bishop of California.

After a few days of repose at home, I visited St. John's Parish, Annadale, in the county of Yazoo. I was accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Lord, and was met by the Rev. Mr. Foster. On *Wednesday, the first of April*, service was held in the Chapel. The sermon was preached, at my request, by Mr. Lord. After which, I made a brief address to the servants, who formed the larger portion of the congregation. It was no little disappointment to me, to find that there were no candidates prepared for confirmation. This little Parish is dependent almost altogether on the services of a Lay Reader, who steadily officiates for them on every Lord's Day, besides duly catechising the younger blacks. The Rev. Mr. Foster, since taking charge of Yazoo City, has consented to give his services to this little flock, on the fifth Sunday of each month.

On *Thursday, the second of April*, I set out for Lake Washington, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Sansom, and Rev. Mr. Peabody. The two following days were occupied in visiting several families on the Lake.

On *Sunday, the 5th*, their beautiful Church was consecrated by the name of "St. John's." The sermon was preached by me, and I was assisted in the service by Messrs. Sansom and Peabody. One adult was baptized, and two confirmed. The building thus consecrated to the service of the Blessed Trinity, may, in point of architectural beauty, well compare with any in our South-Western region. It reflects no little credit on the few, but liberal hands, by which it was erected. All that is now needed, to give completeness to this Parish, and permanence to its prosperity, is a zealous and judicious Pastor, who can accommodate himself equally to master and servant, and will feel a zealous and like concern for both. Such a one I have promised to find for them, so soon as they furnish a house for him to live in. And this, I have ground for hoping, will be done during the ensuing Summer.

*Sunday 12, (Easter)*—This Holy Festival was spent in Christ's Church, Vicksburg. Though prevented by sickness from preach-



ing, I yet assisted the Rector in the services and in the Communion, and in the afternoon confirmed *five* persons.

My next appointment was for St. Andrews' Church, Jackson, where I preached on *Sunday, the 19th*, to a large and attentive congregation. In the afternoon, I preached to the convicts in the Penitentiary; baptized *two* of them, and confirmed *six*. Mr. Denniston, the Chaplain, has labored zealously with these unhappy men, and I have been pleased to learn from the Keeper of the Institution, that there is a marked improvement in the conduct of those who have sought the teachings of the Church, and have partaken of her ordinances.

I here close my annual account. And were I not conscious of having endeavored to meet my duty in a right spirit, I should be ashamed to lay before you so meagre a statement of my labors since we last met together. But let it be remembered, that full two months of the year were necessarily lost by my attendance on the General Convention; that six weeks of the winter forbade all attempts at my leaving home; and that from several places I was compelled by ill health to withdraw my appointments. Owing to these causes, together with the Pastorless condition of some of our Parishes, I have confirmed since the last Convention, only 91 Whites, and 28 Colored—in all, 119; and have baptized of adults, Whites 12, Colored 2—of infants, Whites 36, Colored 74—in all, 124.

One Church has been consecrated—"St. John's," Lake Washington.

Three new Parishes have been organized—"Christ Church," Monticello; "Immanuel," Macon; and "St. Thomas' Church," Pikeville.

Two candidates for Orders have been received, and one withdrawn. The five now on the list, are Messrs. Wm. Clark, George Stewart, M. Leander Weller, George C. Harris, and Calvin McGuffee. Mr. Stewart is pursuing his studies at Nashotah; Mr. McGuffee expects to receive Deacon's Orders before we separate. Of Mr. Weller, I regret to state that he has been kept from entering fully upon his studies, by the weak condition of his eyes.

Five Clergymen have been transferred to this, from other Dioceses,—Rev. G. B. Hayden, from N. York; Rev. Chas. Reighley, D.D., from Illinois; Rev. John Foster, from Louisiana; Rev. F. M. Boyd, from Kentucky; and Rev. E. H. Downing, from Texas. The Rev. Caleb Dowe, of Louisiana, is engaged temporarily in Trinity Church, Natchez; and the Rev. A. Christman, of Pennsylvania, has accepted a call to Holly Springs, but has not yet presented letters of transfer.

The following have removed from the Diocese, since my last report—Rev. Wm. R. Babcock, to Massachusetts; Rev. James Philson, to New York; Rev. Isaac Pardee, to Pennsylvania; Rev. Charles A. Disbrow, and T. S. W. Mott, to North Carolina; Rev.

Joshua Sweet, to Minnesota; Rev. Robt. Shindler, to South Carolina; Rev. R. H. Weller, to Tennessee, and Rev. A. B. Peabody, to Wisconsin.

One other remains to be mentioned, whose pure spirit, on the evening of last Whit Sunday, May 11th, 1856, ascended from his loved Nashoba, to be with Apostles, Martyrs, and Confessors, in the Paradise of God. Samuel J. Hayward, late Missionary of this Diocese, was a man of extraordinary promise. Very rarely is it our privilege to see so much good sense, sound learning, earnest piety, Apostolic zeal, and true dignity of deportment, in any one, especially in one, just entering upon the work of the Ministry. The period of his labor with us, though short, was sufficient to show his uncommon adaptedness to the work, and to make us fear that it will be long indeed, before we find one of like spirit, and like ability, to take his place.

The whole number of Clergy now on our list as Canonically belonging to the Diocese, is *thirty*. Of these as I have just stated, several have removed to other Dioceses, but have not been formally disconnected with this.

The following changes have taken place in the position of our Clergy, since my last report: The Rev. F. A. P. Barnard, has been appointed President of our State University, but continues still to minister to the Parish of St. Peter's, in Oxford. Rev. Edward Denniston, having resigned the temporary charge of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, devotes his attention chiefly to the Penitentiary. Rev. F. W. Boyd has returned from his temporary connexion with the Diocese of Kentucky; is residing near Natchez, and officiates in his own house on each Lord's-day, to his family and such of his neighbors as please to attend. Rev. Mr. Foster took charge of Trinity Parish, Yazoo City, on the 1st day of January. Rev. James S. Greene has taken a school in Monticello, and is also ministering to the congregation recently organized in that place. Rev. G. B. Hayden is in charge of a school in Yazoo county, and ministers, as opportunity offers, to the neighboring settlers. Rev. Thomas B. Lawson has resigned the Parishes of Okolona and Pontotoc, and confines his ministrations chiefly to Aberdeen and the neighborhood of Okolona. Rev. Mr. Mott has removed to North Carolina, but his connexion with this Diocese has not yet been fully dissolved. Rev. Mr. Ozanne has resigned St. Philip's, Kirkwood, and taken St. Andrew's Church, Jackson. Rev. Chas. Reighley, D.D., has been called to St. Paul's Church, Woodville, in place of Rev. Mr. Pardee, resigned. Rev. A. B. Peabody, after laboring faithfully for fifteen months in Carroll county, has, with my consent, resigned his appointment as Missionary, and returned to Wisconsin. Rev. James Philson has resigned his charge on Deer Creek, and removed to the Diocese of New York. Rev. Dr. Savage has resigned the charge of Trinity Church, Pass Christian, and given his attention wholly to his school. Rev. Robert D. Shindler has given up his school in Brandon, and removed to South Carolina. Rev. Geo. W. Sill, during the last

summer, resigned both his school and Parish, at Holly Springs, and united himself with Rev. Dr. Savage, in his school at Pass Christian. He at the same time took the Rectorship of the Church in that place. Declining health has lately caused him to release himself from his school engagements, but not from the Parish. Rev. Mr. Weller has resigned the Church of the Epiphany, and removed to the Diocese of Tennessee, but has not yet been canonically transferred. Rev. Charles W. Whitall, though not yet canonically transferred to the Diocese, continues to labor zealously and successfully at Biloxi.

With regard to St. Andrew's College, it becomes my painful duty to state, that, seeing no probability of freeing that Institution from its liabilities, and of making it what its founders and patrons intended it to be, the Trustees at a meeting in January last, unanimously resolved to make sale of the buildings and grounds, with a view to remunerate, as far as possible, those friends who had individually pledged their credit, and made advances on its behalf. It has accordingly been sold for the sum of \$8,000; and is now used as an Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb.

Of St. Thomas's Hall I have heard nothing for some time. Its Rector will no doubt report its condition before we adjourn.

The only Female Schools which can be said to partake of a Church character, and may therefore claim a passing notice at my hands, are those of Rev. Dr. Savage, at Pass Christian; and Mr. Wm. Clarke, at Holly Springs. Both, I have reason to believe, are enjoying a patronage which they well deserve. But whilst we rejoice over these successful attempts on the borders of our Diocese to train our daughters in the ways of true piety and sound learning, is it not our duty to endeavor to establish a similar Institution of highest character at some more central point, and more immediately under the supervision of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese? I need not attempt to impress on any of you the palpable and important duty of duly educating your daughters, and of so educating them, that they may have their full influence for good upon the Church of God. No; of all this I am sure you are fully aware. In what better enterprise then can we immediately engage, than in setting up a School, which, whilst it teaches all that is necessary to make our daughters well informed and duly accomplished, shall at the same time be training them in Gospel truth, and fitting them for Heaven? I can not express here one half of what I desire to say to you on this subject. I will only add that, as a beginning for such an enterprise, a liberal friend—Mr. Wm. N. Mercer, of New Orleans, has put at my disposal the sum of \$3,000. With less than two thirds of that amount I have purchased upwards of forty acres of land, between the western border of our Capitol and the Episcopal residence. A more beautiful site for an Institution of that kind could not well be obtained elsewhere; overlooking, as it does, the City and Railroads, and much of the country around. Such has been the rise of property since the purchase was made, that one half

of the land laid off and sold for dwelling lots would now more than pay for the whole. We may be said then to have in hand, as a beginning for so laudable an undertaking, a site every way suitable, together with a leading subscription of \$3,000. It remains with us to say whether such an Institution is not needed in the more central portion of our Diocese; whether the liberal donation of Mr. Mercer should not be followed up by like contributions on our parts; and whether any time is better than the present, for entering upon such arrangements as may most successfully accomplish the object.

I will here mention that I have endeavored, but in vain, to obtain a suitable person as Colporteur, or Book Agent for the sale and distribution of Bibles, Prayer Books and other Church Books and Tracts, throughout the Diocese. That such an Agent is much needed, I have painful proof wherever I turn. In order to meet in some measure this great need, your Bishop feels compelled, on every visitation, to load himself with such books and tracts as he knows to be most needed for the safe guidance of his people. And to keep up a supply for this purpose, he has, during the past year, drawn upon the Treasury of our "Society for Diffusing Christian knowledge" to the amount of seventy or eighty dollars. We much need, Brethren, a Book and Tract Depository. And such a one might readily be established, if some few of our favored Laymen would unite and contribute for a few years, fifty dollars each, until the experiment was fairly tried, and the enterprise proved able to support itself. Something of this kind is more needed now than ever, not only to supply our people more plentifully with the Prayer Books and Tracts which they desire, but also, to ensure to them *unadulterated* copies of the standard version of the Holy Scriptures.

I have also been unsuccessful in my endeavors to obtain a General Missionary. A Clergyman every way suited for the purpose would I am almost sure accept the place, provided I were at liberty to offer as much as \$1,250, which is the least sum on which his family could be supported. One thousand dollars is all that I dare pledge for the purpose, out of the scanty Treasury of our Diocesan Missionary Society.

And this brings me to name to you, Brethren, what, after all, constitutes the principal reason why our growth as a Diocese is not more rapid, viz: the limited contributions of our people in answer to the demands of both their Parishes and the Diocese. The last three years have been years of unparalleled productiveness in that great staple on which all our Southern interests depend. Never since the settlement of this State, has so full and continued a tide of prosperity flowed in upon us. But have our returns to God been at all proportioned to his overflowing bounty? Yes, have our contributions to his treasury even kept pace with the increase which He has granted to the members of our Communion? I fear they have not. And here I beg leave to say, beloved Brethren, that so far from wishing you to understand my remark as in any way looking to my own benefit, I am glad of this opportunity of again ac-

knowledging your goodness, not only in the late increase of my salary, but in the many and valuable tokens of affectionate regard which have flowed in upon me from several quarters of the Diocese within the past year. With such love, and such kind consideration for my comfort, I may truly say, in the grateful language of an Apostle, "I have all, and abound." But whilst I thus thankfully acknowledge my own blessings, I desire the more to see a like bounty extended to every Minister and every Institution of the Diocese. Among twenty five regular Parishes, there are but four that furnish a Rectory free of rent; and but three that give a salary equal to the reasonable demands of a Minister's family. So meagre also, are the contributions to our Diocesan Missionary Fund, that in order to keep even our present imperfect supply of Missionaries in the field, the Diocese is compelled from year to year to look for help to the "Board of Domestic Missions," instead of liberally aiding that noble Institution to send the ministrations of the Church to others far more needy than ourselves. Now, what is the help for these things? Nothing less than this—that each Clergyman, in his respective sphere, shall press this subject more earnestly and more frequently on his people—and that our Lay Brethren shall ask themselves, before God, whether they cannot, and ought not, to respond to these appeals with a liberality bearing some proportion to the needs of God's Church, to the ability with which He has blessed them, and to the account which will be required of them in the last day.

One other subject I desire to bring to your attention before I close, viz: the noble enterprise of a SOUTH WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

It is known to most of you, I doubt not, that the Bishops of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and Tennessee, after due deliberation, have agreed to recommend to their respective Dioceses and to our fellow citizens generally of the South-West, the establishment of a University of the very highest order, at some point as far South as will ensure exemption from the prevailing diseases of our latitude, and present the greatest facilities for the object in view. For a full knowledge of the character and prospects of this magnificent enterprise, I refer you to the "Address" of the aforesaid Bishops, which I now lay upon your table, and respectfully request may be appended to your Journal. I will simply direct your view to two prominent features of the plan; first, the security which is given for a wise and prudent husbandry of the funds to be collected for the undertaking; and secondly, the equalization of the Clerical and Lay power in every measure that may be proposed for its success. I will only add, that never has an enterprise more fraught with blessing both to our Church and our country, been presented to our view. It is truly a great undertaking. But, with God for our helper, it is not beyond our means. Let us meet it like men, like Churchmen; like Patriots, who whilst they love their *whole country*, and pray for its *perpetual Union*, are not insensible to the claims of that particular

region in which their lot is cast, and which is therefore given them particularly to cultivate.

Commending this and all our Institutions to your prayers as well as your bounty, and humbly praying that God may have you individually in his holy keeping, I remain, dear brethren,

Your affectionate Pastor under Christ,

W. M. GREEN.

April 25th, 1857.



# PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

## Trinity Church, Natchez:

The officiating Minister of Trinity Church at Natchez, Adams county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	135
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	2 }	20
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	18 }	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants—Former number, (at the time	-	-	-	-	-	
of taking charge, Sept., '56,)	-	-	-	-	-	
white,	-	-	-	-	125 }	133
Added,	-	-	-	-	8 }	
Died,	-	-	-	-	4 }	8
Removed,	-	-	-	-	4 }	
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-	-	125
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	8
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	10 }	77
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	67 }	

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$271 75
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	406 40
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	871 70
Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	167 75
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	500 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	40 00
For other purposes, as follows :	-	-	-	-	
Education of a Student at Nashotah,	-	-	-	-	200 00
Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge,	-	-	-	-	20 00
Church Repairs,	-	-	-	-	4,060 00
Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$6,037 60
Respectfully submitted,	-	-	-	-	C. DOWE.



### St. Paul's Church, Woodville.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, at Woodville, Wilkinson county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	32
Baptisms—Adults, colored,	-	-	-	-	2 }	7
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	5 }	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants—Former number,	-	-	-	-	40 }	44
Added,	-	-	-	-	4 }	
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-	-	44
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	1 }	2
Colored,	-	-	-	-	1 }	
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	4

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	-	\$57 60
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
For other purposes, as follows :						
Improvements on Church Property,	-	-	-	-	-	500 00
Rector's Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	85 00

Total Contributions, - - - - - \$707 60

The accompanying Parochial Report, goes no farther back than October 1st, at which time I assumed the charge of the Parish. I feel it due to myself and the Parish to say, that inclemency of weather prevented me taking up Missionary collections at the appointed time. I hope, however, to call upon the congregation to aid in the support of the Gospel, both at home and abroad.

CHARLES REIGHLEY, Rector.

### Christ Church, Church Hill.

The Rector of Christ Church, at Church Hill, Jefferson county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of, about	-	-	-	-	-	35
Baptisms—Children, white,	-	-	-	-	2 }	39
colored,	-	-	-	-	37 }	
Confirmations—Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants—Former number, white,	-	-	-	-	45 }	59
colored,	-	-	-	-	10 }	
Added,	-	-	-	-	4 }	

Communicants—Died,	-	-	1	}	4
Removed—White 1, colored 2,	-	-	3		
Present Number, white,	-	-	48		
		colored,	8	}	56
Marriages—White,	-	-	2		
Colored,	-	-	1	}	3
Funerals,	-	-	-		
	-	-	-		6

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$45 00
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	25 00
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	25 00
Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	101 75
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	260 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	30 00
For other purposes, as follows :					
Rent of Rectory,	-	-	-	-	250 00
Minister's Expenses to Convention,	-	-	-	-	20 00
Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$763 75

B. M. MILLER, Rector.

## Christ Church, Vicksburg.

The Rector of Christ Church, at Vicksburg, Warren county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,—(removed 2, added and discovered 10,)	93
Baptisms—Adults, white,	2
Children, white,	25
colored,	2
Confirmations—White,	9
Communicants—Former number, white,	115
Added and ascertained,	25
Died,	4
Removed 5—Lapsed 1,	6
Present Number, white,	130
Marriages—White,	6
Funerals,	6
Sunday School Teachers,	13
Scholars,	87

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection,	\$99 25	}	\$183 65
Second do.	42 40		
From other sources,	42 00		
Domestic Missions,	-	-	77 40
Foreign Missions,	-	-	148 50

For Communion Alms,	- - - -	128 50
Bishop's Salary, (assessment and interest on notes,)		489 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,		30 00
Sunday School,	- - - -	46 23
For other purposes, as follows :		
Insurance for Church,	- - - -	70 00
Expenses of Rector to General Convention,	- - - -	160 00
Church debt and repairs,	- - - -	1,300 45
Incidental Expenses,	- - - -	472 86
Total Contributions,	- - - -	\$3,046 59
W. W. LORD, Rector.		

### St. Matthew's Church, Clinton.

The Rector of St. Matthew's Church, at Clinton, Hinds county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	- - - -	13
Baptisms—Children, white,	- - - -	8
Communicants—Former Number, white,	- - - -	14
Added,	- - - -	5
Present Number, white,	- - - -	19

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,	- - - -	\$2 60
Communion Alms, (including collections on other occasions,)	- - - -	25 45
Bishop's Salary,	- - - -	25 00
Parochial Schools,	- - - -	5 00
For other purposes, as follows :		
Purchase of a place of Worship,	- - - -	750 00
Repairs of same,	- - - -	250 00
Total Contributions,	- - - -	\$1,058 05

The Rector is happy in being able to report, that this Flock, in the course of the past year, have purchased a House of Worship belonging to the Methodists, in which (through their kindness) the services of the Church had previously been performed. They have also raised a sum of money nearly sufficient to repair the building, and fit it up in a neat and appropriate manner. We may, therefore, hope shortly to worship God in a Church duly consecrated to His service, and to show forth His beautiful order in His sanctuary. May He graciously accept our humble offering, and endow His people with the beauty of Holiness !

F. ELWELL, Rector.

### St. Mark's Church, Raymond.

The Rector of St. Mark's Church, at Raymond, Hinds county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	12
Communicants—Former Number, white,	-	-	-	-	13
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-	18
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	4	19
Scholars,	-	-	-	15	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$2 40
Communion Alms, (including collections on other occasions,)	-	-	-	-	27 20
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	20 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	5 00
For other purposes, as follows :					
Paying off part of debt on Church Building,	-	-	-	-	197 59
Stove, etc.,	-	-	-	-	25 50
Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$277 69

F. ELWELL, Rector.

### Christ Church, Holly Springs.

The Junior Warden of Christ Church, at Holly Springs, Marshall county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, Number of,	-	-	-	-	28
Communicants—Former Number,	-	-	-	-	50
Died,	-	-	-	3	5
Removed,	-	-	-	2	
Present Number,	-	-	-	-	45
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	3
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	6	26
Scholars,	-	-	-	20	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$15 00
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	60 00
For other purposes, as follows :					
Repairs and Church Expenses,	-	-	-	-	15 00
Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$90 00

B. W. WALTHALL, Junior Warden.

### St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

The Minister of St. Andrew's Church, at Jackson, Hinds county, having resigned the temporary charge of the Parish on the 1st of November, 1856, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, up to that time, the following statement from the Register :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	63
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	3	16
Children, white,	-	-	13	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	9
Communicants—Former Number, white,	-	-	101	103
colored,	-	-	1	
added,	-	-	1	
Died,	-	-	-	2
Present Number, white,	-	-	100	101
colored,	-	-	1	
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	2
Funerals,	-	-	-	4
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	6	51
Scholars,	-	-	45	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$25 00
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	25 00
Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	54 00
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	75 00
For other purposes,	-	-	-	-	86 65

Total Contributions, - - - - \$265 65

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD DENNISTON, Deacon.

### St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, at Jackson, Hinds county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, Number of,	-	-	-	-	69
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	1	6	
Children, white,	-	-	4		
colored,	-	-	1		
Communicants—Former Number, white,	-	-	100	108	
colored,	-	-	1		
Added,	-	-	7		
Removed,	-	-	-	-	6
Present Number, white,	-	-	101	102	
colored,	-	-	1		

Marriages—White,	-	-	-	8	}	4
Colored,	-	-	-	1		
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	12
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	8	}	59
Scholars,	-	-	-	51		

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$25 00
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	100 00
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	27 00
Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	48 25
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	150 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	80 00
For other purposes,	-	-	-	-	20 00

Total Contributions, - - - \$400 25

This report dates from the time of my acceptance of the Rectorship of the Church, on Nov. 1st, 1856.

THOS. D. OZANNE, Rector.

### St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Baptisms—Children, white,	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants—Former Number, white,	11	}	33	}	6
colored,	22				
Added, white,	-	2	}	}	39
colored,	-	4			
Died, colored,	-	2	}	}	5
Removed, white,	-	2			
Suspended, colored,	-	1	}	}	—
Present Number, white,	-	11			
colored,	-	23	}	}	34
Funerals,	-	-			
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	1	}
Colored,	-	-	-	3	

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$12 75
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	50 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$72 75

I hold Divine Service in St. Andrew's Church, on the first and third Sundays in each month; in the morning for the white, and in

the evening for the colored congregation. During the winter, on account of the badness of the roads, and the great distance of most of the people from the Church, I have given up the evening service at the Church, and instead thereof, have preached on Saturday evening on one plantation, and on Sunday on another,—preaching the Gospel from house to house. The rest of my time is occupied with the Church, at LaGrange, Tennessee.

WILLIAM FAGG, Rector.

### Trinity Church, Yazoo City.

The Rector of Trinity Church, at Yazoo City, Yazoo county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Baptisms—Children, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Former Number, white,	-	-	24	}			
Added,	-	-	1				
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Marriages—Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	5	}		
Scholars,	-	-	-	18			

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1 50
Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	17 85
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	-	80 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
Arrearages to same,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
For other purposes, as follows :							
Contingent Expenses of the Parish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	24 28

Total Contributions, - - - - - \$163 63

JOHN FOSTER, Rector.

### St. John's Church, Pontotoc.

The Rector of St. John's Church, at Pontotoc, Chickasaw county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	2	}	8
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	6		
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

Communicants—Former number, white,	-	18	}	21
Added,	-	8		
Removed,	-	-		
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	20
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	2
Funerals,	-	-	-	2

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	\$8 00
Parochial Schools,	-	-	-	100 00

Total Contributions, - - - - - \$108 00

THOS. B. LAWSON, Rector.

### Ascension Church, Hernando.

The Rector of the Church of the Ascension, at Hernando, DeSoto county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	7
Baptisms—Children, white,	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants—Former Number,	-	-	-	18	} 15
Added,	-	-	-	2	
Removed,	-	-	-	2	
Died,	-	-	-	1	} 3
Present Number,	-	-	-	-	
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	12
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	1
	-	-	-	-	1

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	\$5 00
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	10 00

Total Contributions, - - - - - \$15 00

ANDREW MATTHEWS, Rector.

### St. John's Church, Aberdeen.

The Rector of St. John's Church, at Aberdeen, Monroe county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	20
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	2	}	4
Children, white,	-	-	-	2		
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants—Former Number, white,	-	-	-	16	}	22
Added,	-	-	-	6		
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-		
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	8	}	15
Scholars,	-	-	-	12		



## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	\$40 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	10 00
Parochial Schools,	-	-	-	150 00
Total Contributions,	-	-	-	\$200 09

I accepted a call to this Parish, September 1st, 1856.

THOS. B. LAWSON, Rector.

## Grace Church, Canton.

The Rector of Grace Church, at Canton, Madison county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, Number of,	-	-	-	-	26
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	8	} 15
colored,	-	-	-	3	
Children, white,	-	-	-	4	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants—Former Number, white,	-	-	-	37	} 41
Added,	-	-	-	4	
Died,	-	-	-	1	
Removed,	-	-	-	1	} 2
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-	
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	1	} 3
Colored,	-	-	-	2	
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	4
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	10	} 60
Scholars,	-	-	-	50	

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First collection,	-	-	-	\$14 50
Second “ prevented by inclemency of weather,	-	-	-	-
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	5 00
Communion Alms,	-	-	-	8 49
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	60 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	10 00
For other purposes, as follows :	-	-	-	-
Insurance on Rector's Life,	-	-	-	150 00
Monthly Contributions,	-	-	-	32 20
Total Contributions,	-	-	-	\$280 19

HENRY SANSOM, Rector.

### Trinity Church, Pas Christian.

The late Rector of Trinity Church, at Pas Christian, Harrison county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, that he resigned his charge 1st of August, 1856, and from his last report to that time, there were—

Baptisms—Children, white,	-	-	-	-	1
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	8
Communicants—Added,	-	-	-	-	5
Removed,	-	-	-	-	8
Present Number,	-	-	-	-	22

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Foreign Missions, (for Africa,)	-	-	\$20 00
Contingent Expenses to last Diocesan Convention,	-	-	15 00
Communion Alms,	-	-	14 95

Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$49 95
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THO. S. SAVAGE, Late Rector.

### Trinity Church, Pas Christian.

The Rector of Trinity Church, at Pas Christian, Harrison county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, Number of,	-	-	-	-	20
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	1	} 8
Children, white,	-	-	-	6	
colored,	-	-	-	1	
Communicants—Former Number, white,	-	-	-	-	25
Present Number,	-	-	-	-	29
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	8	} 88
Scholars,	-	-	-	75	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$35 00
Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	29 30
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	120 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	15 00
For other purposes, as follows :	-	-	-	-	
Sunday School Library,	-	-	-	-	20 85

Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$220 15
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G. W. SILL, Rector.

### St. Peter's Church, Oxford.

The Rector of St. Peter's Church, at Oxford, La Fayette county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, Number of,	-	-	-	-	8
Communicants—Former Number,	-	-	14	}	17
Added,	-	-	3		
Died,	-	-	-	-	2
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-	15

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	\$40 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	5 00

Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$45 00
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This Parish has been hitherto without a Church edifice. Sufficient means have been at length raised for the erection of a modest building, and a Committee has been appointed on the part of the Vestry, to enter into contracts for the work, without further delay. A suitable lot has been purchased near the public square, in Oxford; and it is probable that the edifice may be completed for use before the close of the present year.

F. A. P. BARNARD, Rector.

### Calvary Church, Holmes County.

The Rector of Calvary Church, Holmes county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	9
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Former Number, white,	-	-	18	}	19	19
Added,	-	-	1			
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-	-	19
Marriages—Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	1

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$6 00
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	7 00
Communion Alms, (includes the whole amount under the head of "Contributions connected with the Church,")	-	-	-	-	-
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	20 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	5 00
For other purposes, as follows :	-	-	-	-	-
Parochial objects,	-	-	-	-	20 51
Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$68 51

A service is held in the Church once in two weeks, on Sunday afternoon, for the servants of the neighborhood, at which the attendance is encouraging; and once a month I catechise and address the children of one of the plantations, where a very good beginning has been made in their religious instruction by some of the members of the family.

B. HALSTED, Rector.

### Grace Church, Okalona.

The Rector of Grace Church, at Okalona, Chickasaw county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, Number of,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Baptisms—Adults white,	-	-	-	2	}	14
colored,	-	-	-	4		
Children, colored,	-	-	-	8		
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	8	}	10
Colored,	-	-	-	7		
Communicants—Former Number, white,	-	-	-	9	}	11
Added,	-	-	-	2		
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-		11

I resigned this Parish on the 2d of August, 1856.

THOS. B. LAWSON, Late Rector.

### Chapel of the Cross, Madison County.

The Rector of the Chapel of the Cross, in Madison county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	8
Baptisms—Adults, colored,	-	-	-	-	-	8
Confirmations—Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Communicants—Former Number, white,	-	-	-	8	}	56
colored,	-	-	-	48		
Added,	-	-	-	5		
Died,	-	-	-	1	}	2
Removed,	-	-	-	1		
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	8	}	54
colored,	-	-	-	46		
Marriages—Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	1

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,	-	-	\$6 40	
" " from individ'l contrib's,	-	-	15 00	\$21 40
Domestic Missions, (by a lady,)	-	-	-	15 00
Foreign Missions, (by the colored congregation,)	-	-	-	24 08
Communion Alms,	-	-	-	5 55
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	20 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	5 00
For other purposes, as follows :				
Interest on notes for Episcopal Fund,	-	-	-	32 50
Total Contributions,	-	-	-	\$123 53

HENRY SANSOM, Rector.

## St. John's Chapel, Annadale.

The Lay Reader of St. John's Chapel, at Annadale, Yazoo county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, Number of,	-	-	-	-	1
Baptisms—Colored,	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants—Former Number, white,	-	-	5		
colored,	-	-	10		16
Added, colored,	-	-	1		
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	1		
Scholars,	-	-	28		29

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Parish Assessment,	-	-	-	-	\$5 00
Bishop's Fund,	-	-	-	-	20 00
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	25 00
Foreign Missions, (in Africa,)	-	-	-	-	5 00
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	5 00

Total Contributions, - - - - \$60 00

JONATHAN A. WAINWRIGHT, Lay Reader.

## Christ Church, Monticello.

The Minister of Christ Church, at Monticello, Lawrence county, respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, that he commenced his labors in this Parish, the last of September, 1856 ; that a Vestry has been organized in due form, and everything done that law and order require. He regrets that circumstances forbid him, or a delegate, from being present at the Conven-

tion, but hopes that this will not prevent the admission of the Parish among the Churches of the Diocese. I have held Divine Service every Sunday, unless interrupted by sickness, or the inclemency of the weather.

I have baptized one adult, and expect to perform the same rite for some others before long. The services of the Church are gaining on the people of this place, beyond my most sanguine expectation. We have a good Choir and Melodeon. Communion on the first Sunday of every month.

Communicants, - - - - 9 | Baptisms—Adults, - - - 1  
JAMES S. GREENE, Rector.

### St. Thomas' Church, Pikeville.

The Rector of St. Thomas' Church, at Pikeville, Chickasaw county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of,	- - - - -	8
Baptisms—Adults, white,	- - - - -	6
Communicants—Former number, white,	- - - - -	2
Present number, white,	- - - - -	2

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Parochial Schools,	- - - - -	\$150 00
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THOS. B. LAWSON, Rector.

### Diamond Place and Hurricane, Warren County.

The Rev. F. W. Damus, Missionary at Diamond Place and Hurricane, Warren county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register:

Families, number of,	- - - - -	8
Baptisms—Adults, colored,	- - - - - 3	} 12
Children, " - - - - -	- - - - - 9	
Confirmations—Colored,	- - - - -	5
Communicants—Former number, white,	- - - - - 7	} 35
colored,	- - - - - 23	
Added,	- - - - - 5	
Present Number, white,	- - - - - 7	} 35
colored,	- - - - - 28	
Marriages—Colored,	- - - - -	6
Funerals,	- - - - -	3

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Communion Alms,	- - - - -	\$58 60
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F. W. DAMUS, Missionary.

### Report of Rev. James A. Fox.

The Rev. Jas. A. Fox, reports to the Bishop, that, during the past year he has preached occasionally in the neighborhood where he resides, and there is some probability that a small Church will be erected; a suitable site, as well as a considerable amount of money, having been subscribed for that purpose.

Baptisms, 6

Funerals, 2

JAS. A. FOX.

Canton, April 24, 1857.

### Report of Rev. F. W. Boyd.

Rev. F. W. Boyd, respectfully reports to his Bishop, that, he returned to Mississippi in February last; and has had constant services, with Sermon or Lecture, each Sunday morning, using his own parlor as a Chapel for such of his neighbors as chose to attend. The rooms are usually well filled. The servants are included in the Congregation, and participate in the services.

He has no Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages or Burials, to report.

F. W. BOYD.

Near Natchez, April 24, 1857.

### Report of Rev. Isaac Pardee.

*To the Rt. Rev. Bishop Green, of the Diocese of Mississippi:*

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR—Owing to the state of my health, and other considerations of a domestic nature, I felt compelled on the first of July last, to resign the Rectorship of St. Paul's, Woodville. Since that time I have had no permanent charge, but have officiated in several places temporarily, and have very frequently assisted my Brethren, particularly in the Dioceses of New York and Pennsylvania.

ISAAC PARDEE.

Philadelphia, Penn., March 31, 1857.

### Report of Rev. W. C. Stout.

*To the Rt. Rev., Wm. M. Green, D. D.,*

*Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi:*

The undersigned, residing in Marshall county, begs leave to report: That since last Convention, he has, according to the Bishop's instruction, officiated at North Mt. Pleasant, Marshall co., Miss., as often as circumstances would allow; and has been able to maintain services twice a month, with slight interruptions. No Parish organization has been effected; and none has been attempted, in consequence of the absence of any proper material out of which to form one.

Attendance on the service is very good, and a number of persons join in the Liturgy. It may not be safe to cherish certain hopes which are not without their comfort. It is a pleasure to state that,

the services of the Church are acceptable to a large portion of those who are regular attendants on any public Worship.

Ten (\$10) have been contributed to Domestic Missions; to Foreign Missions, (through St. John's, Early Grove,) (\$12) twelve dollars; to Diocesan Missions, (\$25) twenty-five dollars.

The undersigned has, also, officiated frequently at Early Grove, both in prayers and preaching; and has consecrated three times, and assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion. He has also, officiated several times, both in Tennessee and Arkansas, and deeply regrets that he has been able to do so little in his Master's service.

Difficulties which have for some years stood in the way of his active participation in the work of the Ministry, are in part removed, and he hopes the day is not distant, when he may again take his stand among the working Clergy.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. STOUT.

Canton, April 25, 1857.

### Report of Rev. Chas. W. Whitall.

*To the Rt. Rev., Bishop Green, of the Diocese of Mississippi:*

REVEREND SIR—My official acts since the last Convention, are as follows, viz: 9 Adults, 25 Infants, have been received in the Church of Christ by Baptism. Celebrated 6 Marriages; attended 5 Funerals. Held Divine Service twice on each Lord's Day, and once during the week. The Congregations are generally large, and the people seem to take a deep interest in the services of the Church. The Sunday School still prospers, and the plain preaching of Christ Crucified is blest of God, I trust to the salvation of souls.

My salary of \$600 has been paid up to \$300.— Having no way to support myself, I have taught school the last three months, but have realized little. My engagement ends with the Vestry on the first of July.

I have about the same number of candidates for Confirmation as last year; twenty I think, if not more.

Your servant, for Christ's sake,

CHAS. W. WHITALL, Missionary.

Biloxi, Easter Monday, 1857.

### Report of Rev. James Philson.

*To the Rt. Rev., Wm. M. Green, D. D.,*

*Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi:*

From the session of Convention, held in April last, to the middle of December, I continued to officiate at Deer Creek, having the services of the Church as regularly as my health would permit. Dur-



ing this time I administered Holy Baptism to 4 infants, and read the Burial Service on two occasions.

Since the beginning of the present year, I have been in or near the City of New York, and with one or two exceptions have performed Clerical duty every Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PHILSON.

New York, April 1, 1857.

### Report of Rev. A. B. Peabody.

The undersigned, Missionary for Carroll county, respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese:

In the good providence of Almighty God he has been enabled to labor in his field as instructed, without any interruptions or intermissions, with one only exception. He found it necessary to ask leave of absence during last summer, and accordingly spent three months, July, August, and September, out of the Diocese.

Since November he has taken, in addition to the three places first assigned him, a fourth station, Shongalo; which he has visited regularly once every month up to the present time.

So far as he has ascertained, there are in Carroll county 13 Communicants, viz: at Carrollton 4; at Duck Hill 1; at Middleton 3; at Shongalo 3; and at Point Leflore 2.

At these several places, he has, during the year baptized 25 infants—2 white and 23 colored—and buried one person.

Although the prospect of speedily establishing the Church in Carroll county is not flattering, it is by no means discouraging; and he believes, the obligation of the Church to look after her scattered members, is sufficient to move her to the endeavor of continuing a Missionary there. Much opposition would for some time have to be encountered, but would at length, be surmounted.

Very Respectfully,

A. B. PEABODY.

April 1, 1857.

### Report of Chaplain to the State Penitentiary.

To the Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D. D.,

*Bishop of Mississippi:*

The undersigned being the Chaplain to the State Penitentiary, respectfully reports the following Ministerial acts for the past year:

Baptisms—Adults 4; Confirmations 12; Funerals 1.

Most of the candidates confirmed this year were previously baptized by the Chaplain. He would moreover state, that since he commenced his ministrations at this place, he believes that God has blessed his labors; some of the most desperate, and ungodly, have at last been subdued, and softened down by the mighty power of the Holy

Ghost, and those who once mocked and derided our beautiful, and edifying Liturgy, are now, its strongest advocates, and have won the confidence of some of the Officers of the Prison, as faithful workmen, and worthy members of the Church. There is little or no prejudice, now existing—for the many are not only willing, but anxious to be instructed in those pure, and primitive doctrines, which are maintained, and set forth, by our branch of Christ's Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
**EDWARD DENNISTON.**

**Jackson, April 20, 1857.**

NAME OF CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	RECTOR OR MINISTER.	Baptisms		Communications		St. Schools		Contributions.
			No. Families..				Teachers..	Scholars...	
Trinity	Natchez.....	C. Dowe.....	135	3	18	5	10	87	\$609 77 60
St. Paul's.....	Woodville.....	Chas. Reigley, D. D.....	32	3	6	4	..	..	707 60
St. Mary's.....	Church Hill.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Christ.....	Church Hill.....	B. M. Miller.....	35	30	30	..	..	..	763 75
Christ.....	Vicksburg.....	W. W. Lord.....	93	27	9	6	18	87	8046 59
St. Paul's.....	Grand Gulf.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Matthew's.....	Clinton.....	F. Elwell.....	18	9	8	..	..	..	1068 05
St. Mark's.....	Raymond.....	F. Elwell.....	12	..	..	..	4	16	317 69
St. Paul's.....	Gulumbus.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Christ.....	Holly Springs.....	J. W. Rogers.....	28	..	..	..	6	90	90 00
St. Andrew's.....	Jackson.....	T. D. Ongans.....	69	4	16	9	8	61	665 90
Epiphany.....	Claborne County.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Andrew's.....	Marshall County.....	W. Fager.....	6	..	8	6	3	18	72 75
Trinity.....	Yazoo City.....	John Fowler.....	26	1	1	..	..	..	168 63
St. John's.....	Pontotoc.....	T. B. Lawren.....	10	9	8	1	..	..	108 00
Ascension.....	Herando.....	A. Matthews.....	7	9	9	1	..	..	15 00
St. John's.....	Aberdeen.....	T. B. Lawson.....	30	3	3	..	3	19	900 00
St. John's.....	St. John's.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grace.....	Ontario.....	H. Hancock.....	26	11	4	4	10	60	980 19



### **Note to the Foregoing Summary.**

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From the following named Parishes, thirteen in number, no Parochial Reports have been received, viz: St. Mary's, Laurel Hill; St. Paul's, Grand Gulf; St. Paul's, Columbus; Epiphany, Claiborne county; St. Phillip's, Kirkwood; St. John's, DeSoto county; Crucifixion, Yazoo county; St. Luke's, Brandon; St. John's, Lake Washington; St. James', Port Gibson; St. John's, Early Grove; Advent, Washington; Messiah, Noxubee county.

Several of the Clergy, who have presented Reports, have omitted to mention, either the number of families or communicants under their charge, or that of the teachers and scholars in their Sunday Schools.

Supplying the Summary as to the former, in ten instances, from the Reports of last year, we can add to the general aggregate 129 families, and 160 communicants—making the number of the former, 702; and of the latter, 1049.

G. M. H., Sec'ry.

## AN ADDRESS,

*To the Members and Friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Dioceses of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee.*

The undersigned, Bishops of the Dioceses above named, under a sense of their responsibility to God as your chief pastors, charged with the duty of devising measures for the training of your children in all those graces and virtues which belong to the Christian character, have deemed it proper, for the better discharge of their trust, to unite in proposing to you a plan of union, by which they may be efficiently aided in the accomplishment of this common duty.

The importance of developing the intellectual faculties, and of strengthening and cultivating them to their utmost capacity, as a means of qualifying men for the largest usefulness, as well as for advancing individual happiness, is so universally admitted, that it needs only to be stated in order to be received. That religious truth may find its way into the heart, and exercise a controlling influence over the life, though the understanding be but partially enlightened, is a fact also admitted.

But it is not less true, in order that the religious principle may exert the greatest amount of control—that it may occupy the largest field of usefulness—it must be supported as well as invigorated by an adequate amount of intellectual culture.

These familiar truths underlie the obligation of Christian communities, to make suitable provision for the educational training of their youth. And the considerations they suggest, though at all times of the weightiest character, have, at no time in the past, seemed so pressing on the minds of the Bishops of the Southern Dioceses, as they appear at the present moment. And it is to the obligation and duty of making provision for the intellectual, moral, and religious training of the youth belonging to our several dioceses, that we would now invoke your attention.

And we desire in the outset to express our sense of the high character and eminent services of many Institutions, already existing in the several States, where our fields of labor lie,—Institutions which, whether founded by the States severally, or by one or other of the religious denominations inhabiting them, have discharged the duty of training those committed to their care with honorable success, and on an extended scale. Of the capabilities and the claims of some of these, the personal experience of several of our number would forbid our speaking otherwise than in terms of the highest respect and veneration.

It is believed, nevertheless, that the whole ground is not occupied. That the work to be done is beyond the power of the laborers who are employed in doing it, and that the entrance of another Institution of a high grade upon the field to be cultivated, so far from being uncalled for, should be hailed as a welcome ally.

It is to be remembered that, as a Church, we have in this matter, thus far, been the recipients of favors at the hands of others; and we may well ask ourselves whether we can stand justified in allowing this state of things to continue beyond the point, where it is clear we have the ability to take care of ourselves. And, not only so, it behooves us also to inquire how far the obligations of patriotism require of us to place at the service of the State, the whole force of our denominational strength for the intellectual and moral training of its youth, and in a form in which it can be most efficiently and successfully exerted.

The State affords us and ours guardianship and protection, and is entitled to the reciprocal benefit of such efforts as we are capable of, to enlighten its administration, to consolidate its power, and to perpetuate its duration. The Presbyterians at Princeton, the Congregationalists at Yale, the Unitarians at Harvard, and the Methodists, and others, in numerous instances, have set us an example in this behalf, which we cannot but admire, and would do well to imitate.

Nothing is more common than to hear it affirmed that the hopes of mankind are suspended upon the success of the experiment in government now being made in these States. The success or failure of this experiment turns entirely on the degree of intelligence, and the character of the moral sentiment, which shall distinguish the masses of our population. These masses are but the aggregation of individuals, and the responsibility and duty of originating and sustaining Institutions whose offices go to the point, directly or indirectly, of enlightening them, is therefore obvious and imperative. And we may add, if there ever was a time in the history of our Republic at which good men were called upon more than at another, to unite upon efforts to found such Institutions, the present is that period. At no time in all the past, have we been so threatened with the spread of the wildest opinions in religion and government; and at no period, therefore, has there been so great a call to put into operation and multiply agencies, whose high conservatism shall furnish us with the means of making fast the foundations of the State, securing a sound and healthy feeling in the social condition, and preserving in their integrity the great truths of our holy religion.

But, besides these general considerations, which are of force with all men, and which claim our attention as citizens, there is the special obligation upon us, as churchmen, to originate some plan for the special benefit of the children of the Church. Their claims upon us are of the highest description. They are our offspring, committed to our guardianship and nurture, and for whose careful training we are deeply responsible, not only to themselves and their country, but also to God. By the very condition of their relation-

ship, they claim of us the most vigilant oversight, and the most thoughtful provision for their moral and spiritual, as well as intellectual well-being.

And now, it may be asked, what are we, as churchmen, as men who have committed ourselves, or who stand committed to the service of God, and who recognize distinctly our accountability,—what are we doing in our dioceses for the religious, moral, and intellectual welfare of our offspring? What are we doing to throw around them during that most important period of their life—their collegiate career—those sustaining supports, as well as those wholesome restraints, furnished by our holy religion, as exhibited and illustrated in the offices of the Church of their fathers? What are we doing to vindicate the claims of our Church, as, in our opinion, the most judicious mother of the young, under whose care and tuition they are least liable to fall into the snares of infidelity, or the extravagancies of fanaticism, and at whose hands they are most likely to be carefully brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? And especially, it may be asked, what provision have we made for raising up from among them, the sons of the soil, men who may preach “the unsearchable riches of Christ,” and sustain and promote with wisdom and ability the great interests of the Church of God?

Have we at all made conscience of taking these considerations into our account, when making up our plans for the education of our children? It may be said that these things have been with us, hitherto, less a matter of choice than we desired, and that we could not have gratified ourselves, if we would. This apology is true, only in part. And this brings us to the consideration of the subject of this communication.

We think it must be now manifest, so far at least as our Church is concerned, that there exists within the pale of our dioceses a great Educational necessity, and a necessity which we should forthwith take steps to supply. This necessity is one which is common to all our dioceses alike.

In view of this condition of things, we, your Bishops, during our sojourn in this city, in attendance on the General Convention, have thought it expedient to take the matter into our serious consideration, and have come to the conclusion, it is of so pressing a character, that no time should be lost in relieving it; and that for its relief in the most effectual manner, no plan presents itself of so promising a character, as that which would unite the energies and resources of all our dioceses in one common effort. We have therefore resolved, after mature deliberation and consultation with leading clergymen and laymen of our several dioceses, to propose to you to unite our strength in founding an Institution upon a scale of such magnitude, as shall answer all our wants. This we propose shall be a University, with all the Faculties—theology included—upon a plan so extensive, as to comprise the whole course usually embraced in the



most approved Institutions of that grade, whether at home or abroad.

We are aware of the magnitude of such an enterprise, in all its aspects—the large amount of capital necessary for its foundation, and the very weighty responsibility resting upon those who shall be charged with the duty of shaping its plans and conducting them to a successful consummation. But when we think of the pervading and far-reaching influence such an Institution could not but have upon the interests of the country and the Church, and reflect on the extent of the field whence we propose to draw, not only the means for its establishment, but the minds to found and govern it, we dare not hesitate to believe that all the resources necessary, of whatever description, are within our reach, and will be forthcoming so soon as they shall be needed. To say nothing of the well known and ample wealth belonging to our communion generally, we will not allow ourselves to believe, that upon the presentation of such an occasion for the employment of a part of that treasure committed to our stewardship, we shall fail to find our Lawrences and Stayceants, our Moores, and Kohnes, and Gores, and Dudleys, ready to lend their aid in the consummation of so great a work.

In submitting this programme for your consideration, we have deemed it proper to add a few particulars, which we have thought it expedient to incorporate in our plan of operation.

1st. That the University should, in all its parts, be under the sole and perpetual direction of the Protestant Episcopal Church, as represented by the dioceses uniting in its foundation; thus securing unity in its administration, as indispensable to its success.

2d. That the Board of Trustees should be composed of the Bishops of the dioceses, *ex officio*, so uniting, and one clergyman and two laymen from each of the said dioceses to be elected by the Conventions of the same. The joint consent of the Bishops, as an order, and of the clerical and lay trustees, shall be necessary to the adoption of any measure proposed.

3d. That the sum of \$500,000 shall be the least amount with which the enterprise shall be commenced.

4th. That there should be a Treasurer appointed in each diocese, to whom shall be paid the sums subscribed in that diocese, whose duty it shall be to vest those sums in unquestionable public securities, paying over annually to the Treasurer of the Corporation, the interest of the amount subscribed.

5th. That there should be a Treasurer of the Corporation, who should receive the interest annually from the diocesan Treasurers, and expend it under the direction of the Board of Trustees.

6th. That the amount subscribed by any diocese, and secured as above, should revert to the diocese subscribing it, in case of the dissolution of the Association.

7th. That each Bishop shall bring the subject speedily before his diocese and Convention, and shall also put into operation any agencies he may think best for promoting the cause, in accordance with the general principles here laid down.

8th. That the Senior Bishop by consecration, of the Association, shall always be Chancellor of the University.

9th. It is deemed expedient to establish the University at some spot near Chattanooga, where the various Railroads traversing our dioceses converge, thus rendering access to it from every direction, easy and speedy.

The above points comprise all those which it is deemed expedient to fix upon, as a basis of union. Any others that may appear of importance, will be incorporated hereafter, as expediency shall require.

We have thus, dear brethren, presented and developed a measure which we regard as the most important, in view of all its relations, ever presented to the American Church. For ourselves, we are deeply persuaded, that it far transcends in the promise of its usefulness, any merely local or diocesan enterprise, it would be possible for our dioceses to get up separately; and that its combinations are of a character to ensure always to our children and our children's children, to many generations, the largest and most varied amount of talent for their intellectual culture, as well as the soundest moral and religious influence, it is in our power to provide for them. To do this, is to make the best investment for our posterity, and to lay upon the altar of our country, the most appropriate offering that could be tendered by the citizen or the Christian.

With earnest solicitude for your individual and associated welfare, and in the hope that these views may find favor with you, and obtain your efficient support, we remain,

Faithfully and affectionately,

Your servants in Christ,

JAMES H. OTEY,

*Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee.*

LEONIDAS POLK,

*Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana.*

STEPHEN ELLIOTT,

*Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia.*

N. H. COBB,

*Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama.*

GEO. W. FREEMAN,

*Missionary Bishop of the S. W. Diocese.*

W. M. GREEN,

*Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi.*

F. H. RUTLEDGE,

*Bishop of the Diocese of Florida.*

THOMAS F. DAVIS,

*Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina.*

THOS. ATKINSON,

*Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina.*

PHILADELPHIA, OCT. 23, 1856.

## RULES OF ORDER,

*As Amended and Adopted by the Diocesan Convention of 1857.*

1. The Convention shall be opened with prayer by the Bishop on the morning of every day during the session.

2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the Chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convention.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member, who shall be in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the discussion.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it—and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay upon the table and to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

10. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

12. The names of the movers of resolutions shall not appear upon the Minutes of this Convention.

13. The Reports of all Committees shall be in writing, and shall

be received, of course, and without motion, unless re-committed by vote of the Convention. All Reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the Convention, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Convention therein.

14. If the question under debate contain several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately, except that a motion to strike out and insert, shall be indivisible.

15. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without debate; but any member may appeal from such decision; and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once, without express leave of the Convention.

16. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after amendment to such second amendment, shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be received under color of a substitute.

17. The first thing in order, after the Convention is declared organized, and ready for business, shall be the election of a Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, for the ensuing year.

18. The adoption of Rules of Order for the government of the Convention, and the reading of said Rules by the Secretary.

19. The appointment of the following Standing Committees, viz: 1st, On Credentials; 2d, On the Admission of New Congregations; 3d, On the State of the Church; 4th, On Finance; 5th, On Constitution and Canons; 6th, On Diocesan Schools; 7th, On Unfinished Business.

20. The reading of the Bishop's Journal and Address.

21. The reading of the Parochial Reports.

22. The reading of the report of the Treasurer of the Convention.

23. The reading of the report of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

24. The reading of the report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

25. The reading of reports from Committees, appointed by the last Convention.

26. Designation of time and place for holding the next Convention.

27. The election of Diocesan Officers—1st, the members of the Standing Committee; 2nd, Treasurer of the Diocese; 3rd, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund; 4th, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; 5th, Members of the Ecclesiastical Court; 6th, Deputies to General Convention, (when required); 7th, any other Diocesan Officers necessary to be elected.

28. Reports of Standing Committees.

29. Reports from Special Committees.

30. General motions, resolutions, and propositions.

**Form of Parochial Reports,**  
*As Required by the Canons of this Diocese.*

The Rector (or Minister) of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ county, reports to the Bishop (or Convention) of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of his Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	—
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	—	} Total, —
“ colored,	-	-	-	—	
Children, white,	-	-	-	—	
“ colored,	-	-	-	—	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	—	} Total, —
Colored,	-	-	-	—	
Communicants—Former number, White,	-	-	-	—	} Total, —
Colored,	-	-	-	—	
Added,	-	-	-	-	—
Died,	-	-	-	—	} Total, —
Removed,	-	-	-	—	
Present number, White,	-	-	-	—	} Total, —
Colored,	-	-	-	—	
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	—	} Total, —
Colored,	-	-	-	—	
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	—
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	—	} Total, —
Scholars,	-	-	-	—	

**CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.**

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection,	}	\$ —
Second “		
From Individual Cont'b's,		
From other sources,		
For Domestic Missions,	-	\$ —
For Foreign Missions,	-	—
For Communion Alms,	-	—
For Bishop's Salary,	-	—
For Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	—
For Parochial Schools,	-	—
For other purposes, as follows :		
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Total Contributions, - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_, *Rector.*

☞ State also any matters of fact, which show the condition of the Parish.

### **Form for the Organization of New Parishes.**

We, the subscribers, assembled for the purpose of organizing a Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the town of ———, county of ———, and State of Mississippi, after due notice given, do hereby agree to form a Parish, to be known by the name of ——— Church, and as such, do hereby acknowledge and accede to the doctrine, discipline and worship,—the Constitution and Canons, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the same Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and we do accordingly now appoint ———, [not less than three, nor more than eleven persons, naming them,] to be the first Vestry of ——— Church; and ———, [two persons, naming them,] to be the first Wardens, to continue in office until Easter Monday, A. D. ———, and until others be chosen in their place: And an election of Vestrymen shall hereafter be held on Easter Monday of each successive year, or as soon thereafter as may be.

Witness our hands at ———, county of ———, and State of Mississippi, this ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord, ———.

# ACCOUNT CURRENT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

GIRES M. HILTYER, in Account with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Diocese of Mississippi.

1856.	Dr.	Cr.
April 26. This Amount on hand.....	\$306 78	
May..... Amount received from St. Matthew's Church, Clinton, assessment 1855.....	5 00	
Amount received from St. Peter's Church, Oxford, assessment for 1855 and 1856.....	10 00	
Amount received from St. Andrew's, Marshall County, assessment 1855.....	10 00	
July..... Amount received from Church of Messiah, Noxubee county, 1854 and 1855.....	10 00	
Amount received from St. John's Church, Aberdeen, assessment 1855.....	5 00	
Amount received from Trinity Church, Yazoo City, 1855, 1857—Jan. 1. This amount due Treasurer, G. M. H.....	20 00	
	11 31	
	\$278 10	
1857.		
April 25. This amount received from the following Parishes:		
Trinity Church, Natchez, assessment for 1856.....	40 00	
Chapel of the Cross, assessment for 1856.....	5 00	
Grace Church, Canton, assessment for 1856.....	10 00	
Trinity Church, Yazoo City, assessment for 1856.....	20 00	
St. John's Chapel, Annals, assessment for 1856.....	5 00	
St. Philip's Church, Kirtwood, assessment for 1856.....	10 00	
Christ Church, Vicksburg, assessment for 1856.....	80 00	
Calvary Church, Holmes county, assessment for 1856.....	5 00	
Trinity Church, Pass Christian, assessment for 1856.....	15 00	
St. John's, Aberdeen, assessment for 1856.....	5 00	
St. John's, Early Grove, assessment for 1856.....	5 00	
St. Mark's, Raymond, assessment for 1856.....	5 00	
St. Andrew's, Jackson, assessment for 1856.....	80 00	
	\$315 00	
1856.		Cr.
May..... Amount paid Drayage and Postage.....		78
May 2. Amount for printing Circulars.....		5 00
Amount for printing one ream Parochial Reports.....		15 00
June..... Amount for printing 800 copies of Proceedings.....		227 60
July 1. Amount paid Postage on Proceedings.....		9 65
Aug. 14. Amount paid Postage.....		3 20
Amount of uncurrent money received.....		5 00
Amount paid Postage on Parochial Reports.....		1 63
Amount paid Postage.....		30
		\$278 10
1857.		
Jan. 1. Amount brought down due Treasurer.....		\$11 31
April 24. Amount paid Telegraphing.....		1 05
Drayage and Freight on Books.....		80
Paid amount of quota of Diocese for Expenses General Convention, 1856.....		49 50
Paid Stationary.....		1 50
Balance in hands of Treasurer to meet Expenses of Convention of 1857.....		151 14
		\$315 00

We hereby certify that we have examined the above account, compared it with the vouchers, and found it correct.

JAS. S. JOHNSON, Chairman Finance Com.

**PROCEEDINGS**  
OF THE  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY**  
FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE  
IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

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CANTON, April 25, 1857.

The Society met in Grace Church, Canton. The Rt. Rev. President being absent, the 1st Vice President, Rev. Jas. A. Fox, took the Chair; and the Society being called to order, the Secretary read the proceedings of the last meeting, which were approved.

The Secretary and Treasurer read the Report of the transactions of the Society during the year, and submitted his accounts and vouchers, which were referred to Rev. Mr. Miller and Mr. Shields, for examination, who reported the same correct. On motion of Rev. Mr. Elwell, the Society went into an election of Officers and Managers, and those of the past year were unanimously re-elected:

First Vice President, Rev. JAS. A. FOX; Second Vice President, JAS. S. JOHNSTON; Third Vice President, M. W. EWING.

Managers, GEO. S. YERGER, CHAS. SCOTT, W. HARDEMAN, W. C. SMEDES, E. C. LAUGHLIN.

Secretary and Treasurer, J. ROACH, Vicksburg.

It was—

*Resolved*, That the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, now in session, be respectfully requested to cause the Proceedings of this meeting, its Reports, and the Constitution of the Society, to be printed in an Appendix to the Journal of said Convention, with a view of bringing the objects of the Society more fully to the knowledge of the Church in the Diocese.

And the Society adjourned *sine die*.

J. ROACH,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

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**REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER**  
OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN  
KNOWLEDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

VICKSBURG, April 24, 1857.

*Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D. D., President:*

DEAR SIR—The undersigned, Secretary and Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge



in the Diocese of Mississippi, submits herewith his statement of the Receipts and Expenditures for the year. The Receipts are, from

Forty-one annual and occasional contributors,	-	\$129 50
Two life members,	-	40 00
Interest for two years on \$280 00, funded at 8 per cent.,	-	44 80
Twelve Parishes have paid through their Churches,	-	771 20

Making total receipts for the year,	-	\$985 50
And the balance in Treasury, 26th April, 1856,	-	299 48

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\$1384 98

#### PAYMENTS.

Ten Missionaries,	-	\$690 00
One Student at Nashotah,	-	110 00
Printing Circulars and Postage,	-	18 75
Prayer-books, Tracts and other Publications,	115 08	\$938 83

Balance in Treasury this day,	-	\$451 15
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Besides note of W. M. Green and sureties (\$280 00) for life membership, funded. The details of the Receipts and Expenditures accompany this, marked A and B.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ROACH,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

#### A.

#### RECEIPTS

OF PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF MISS.

*For the Year Ending 23rd April, 1857.*

From J. D. Shields, life member,	-	\$20 00
From J. Roach,	-	20 00
From forty-one annual and occasional contributors,	-	129 50
From interest on (\$280 00) life memberships, funded,	-	44 80
From St. John's Parish, Annadale, two contributions,	-	10 00
From St. John's, Early Grove, one contribution,	-	30 00
From Christ Church, Vicksburg, two contributions,	-	141 65
From Trinity Church, Natchez, three contributions,	-	341 75
From Chapel of the Cross, Madison, two contributions,	-	16 50
From Grace Church, Canton, one contribution,	-	14 50
From Calvary Church, Holmes county, one contribution,	-	6 00
From St. John's, Aberdeen, one contribution,	-	30 00
From Christ Church, Church Hill, two contributions,	-	45 00
From St. Matthew's Church, Clinton, one contribution,	-	2 60
From St. Mark's, Raymond, one contribution,	-	2 40
From Diamond Place Mission, one contribution,	-	130 00

Total receipts for the year,	-	\$985 50
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## PAYMENTS

OF PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOW-  
LEDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF MISS.

*For the Year Ending 23rd April, 1857.*

To Rev. A. B. Peabody, Missionary,	-	-	\$225 00
Rev. Mr. Foster,	"	-	30 00
Rev. Mr. Whitall,	"	-	50 00
Rev. Mr. Elwell,	"	-	120 00
Rev. Mr. Sansom,	"	-	110 00
Rev. Mr. Rogers,	"	-	30 00
Rev. W. Parker Scott,	"	-	25 00
Rev. John Philson,	"	-	25 00
Rev. Mr. Smith,	"	-	25 00
Mr. McGuffey, candidate for Orders,	-	-	45 00
Mr. Geo. Stewart, student at Nashota,	-	-	110 00
Printing Circulars and Postage Stamps,	-	-	18 75
Rev. Mr. Ingraham, pamphlets,	-	-	10 00
D. Tilton Bigelow, books,	-	-	19 50
Dana & Co.,	"	-	85 58

Total payments during the year, - \$933 83

## Note.

After the Treasurer's Report of moneys received was closed, the following amounts were handed in, and will appear in his next Report:

Mrs. Stout,	-	-	\$25 00
Rev. Mr. Stout and children,	-	-	5 00
E. J. Hinton,	-	-	1 00
Mrs. C. A. Hinton,	-	-	15 00
Dr. Hemmingway,	-	-	1 00
Capt. Sneed,	-	-	1 00
W. Drane,	-	-	1 00
Prof. Pearce,	-	-	1 00

## CONSTITUTION

### OF SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the *Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi.*

ART. II. All Clergymen, canonically resident in the Diocese, shall be, *ex-officio*, members of the Society, and such Laymen as shall pay the sum hereinafter mentioned.

ART. III. The officers of the Society shall be the Bishop as President; a first, second and third, Vice President; a Secretary or General Agent, and a Treasurer. When there is a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Society shall elect from the Presbyters, a President. The Vice Presidents, according to their numerical order, shall, in the absence, or by request of the President, perform the duties of President.

ART. IV. A committee of five, to be annually elected, shall constitute a Board of Managers. The Secretary of the Society shall be, *ex-officio*, Secretary of the Board of Managers. A majority of the Managers shall constitute a quorum to do business. They shall have power to make such By Laws as they deem necessary.

ART. V. The Board of Managers shall establish a Diocesan Depository, and such branches as may be deemed necessary. They shall distribute the Bible, the Prayer Book, and such religious Tracts and other works, only, as may be approved by the Bishop, or the Board of Managers. Any person desirous to sell or distribute such books in the Diocese by authority of the Church, may be licensed to do so by the Bishop, and shall be allowed a reasonable compensation therefor out of the Society funds.

ART. VI. Missionaries employed by the Bishop, shall be allowed such salaries as he may direct, to be paid out of the funds of the Society. The President shall report to the Convention, the number of Missionaries aided by it—their different stations or employments—the sums paid to each—what person has been employed to sell books, and the number of tracts and books distributed. The person employed to sell books shall report to the Convention, the amount of books sold and distributed by him during the year. Said Managers shall, from the funds of the Society, aid in the education of such

youths of piety as are recommended by the Bishop, and in general shall have power to adopt and execute such measures as they may deem proper to further the objects of this Society. When the Episcopate is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have the powers confided by this Article to the Bishop.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Society to aid and assist owners of plantations who are desirous to give religious instruction to their slaves, and to give information of such persons to the Bishop, in order that he may provide suitable Missionaries to organize Parishes on said plantations.

ART. VIII. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Society—keep a list of the Missionaries paid or assisted by the Society, and the amount allowed to each. The funds in his hands shall only be paid out by order of the Managers or of the President. He shall report, at each anniversary meeting, the state of the Society's funds—its property—and present his accounts for examination and settlement.

ART. IX. The Secretary shall keep a Record of the Proceedings of the Board of Managers in a well-bound book. He shall, by virtue of his office, conduct the correspondence, and perform such other acts as the Board of Managers shall direct. He shall copy this Constitution on the Minutes of the first meeting of the Board of Managers.

ART. X. The Society shall meet annually, at the place where the Diocesan Convention is held, on the second day of the Convention. Such of the Clerical and lay members of the Society as may be present, shall constitute a quorum to do business; and in the absence of the President and Vice President, a President *pro tem.* shall be elected. A suitable sermon shall be preached during the Convention, or upon such day as shall be selected by the Bishop, either by the Bishop, or by some Clergyman appointed by him. After sermon, a collection shall be taken up for the use of the Society.

ART. XI. An election of officers of this Society shall be made at such anniversary meeting; and in case of a failure to elect, then the old officers shall continue in office until an election be held.

ART. XII. Every member, except Clergymen, shall pay at the time of subscription, and annually thereafter, on the first day of January, the sum of one dollar to the Rector of his Parish, or to such other person as shall be authorized to receive the same.

By the payment of twenty dollars, any one may become a life member of the Society, and shall not be subject to the annual assessment thereafter.

ART. XIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all donations which may be made to the Society, and cause a faithful record of the same to be kept, stating the name of the donor and the amount of the benefaction.

ART. XIV. A notice of the Society, its object, terms of membership, and request for such donations as the pious and liberal are disposed to make, shall be inserted as a standing advertisement in such papers published in the Diocese, as are disposed to insert the same without charge.

ART. XV. It shall be the duty of each Minister of this Diocese to publicly bring the objects of this Society annually before his Parish, and request the friends of religion to co-operate with him in procuring members and donations. He shall also report quarterly to the Secretary the names of the members, and the amount received by him, and forward the same to the Treasurer annually.

ART. XVI. The President may convene the Board of Managers at any time he thinks proper.

ART. XVII. The Society being intended to assist, but not in any degree to interfere with the authority of the Church, it is hereby declared, that whatever is done by the Society, shall be done in subordination to the authority of the Church, and in accordance with the advice of the Bishop.

ART. XVIII. The Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting of the Society, by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present, and shall be published, together with the annual proceedings of the Society, with the Journals of the Convention.

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**ASSESSMENTS ON THE PARISHES,  
MADE BY THE CONVENTION, 1857.**

Parishes.	Bishop's Fund.	Contingent Expenses.
Trinity Church, Natchez, - -	\$500	\$40
Christ Church, Vicksburg, - -	380	30
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, - -	300	30
Christ Church, Church Hill, - -	260	30
Christ Church, Holly Springs, - -	120	20
Trinity Church, Pas Christian, - -	120	15
St. Paul's Church, Woodville, - -	100	15
Trinity Church, Yazoo City, - -	80	20
St. John's Church, Lake Washington,	80	10
St. Paul's Church, Columbus, - -	60	15
St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood, - -	65	10
Grace Church, Canton, - -	65	10
St. Peter's Church, Oxford, - -	60	5
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county,	50	10
Epiphany Church, Claiborne county, -	30	5
Chapel of the Cross, Madison county,	30	5
St. John's Church, Aberdeen, - -	20	5
Advent Church, Washington, - -	20	5
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton, - -	20	5
St. Mark's Church, Raymond, - -	20	5
Calvary Church, Holmes county, - -	20	5
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf, - -	20	5
St. John's Church, Annadale, - -	20	5
St. Luke's Church, Brandon, - -	10	10
St. John's Church, Pontotoc, - -	10	5
Messiah Church, Noxubee county, - -	10	5
Ascension Church, Hernando, - -	10	5
Grace Church, Okolona, - -	10	5
St. James' Church, Port Gibson, - -	10	5
St. John's Church, Early Grove, - -	10	5
St. John's Church, DeSoto, - -	10	5
Christ Church, Monticello, - -	10	5
St. Thomas' Church, Pikeville, - -	10	5
Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo City,	10	2 50
	<u>\$2,550</u>	<u>\$362 50</u>

### ARREARAGES.

The following Parishes are indebted for Arrearages to either or both of the Funds, for the Support of the Episcopate, or for Contingent Expenses :

Parishes.	Bishop's Salary.	Contingent Expenses.
Christ Church, Holly Springs,	- \$60 00	\$20 00
St. Peter's, Oxford,	- - 20 00	
Epiphany, Claiborne county,	- - 43 00	5 00
St. John's, Pontotoc,	- - 40 00	15 00
Advent, Washington,	- - 40 00	10 00
St. Paul's, Grand Gulf,	- - 20 00	5 00
St. Luke's, Brandon,	- - 30 00	25 00
Messiah, Noxubee county,	- - 10 00	5 00
Ascension, Hernando,	- - 10 00	
Grace, Okolona,	- - 10 00	10 00
St. James', Port Gibson,	- - 12 50	15 00
St. John's, DeSoto county,	- - 30 00	15 00
St. Matthew's, Clinton,	- - -	5 00
<b>Total Arrearages,</b>	<b>- - \$325 50</b>	<b>\$180 00</b>

The Treasurer of the Diocese, acknowledges the receipt, since the close of the Convention, of the arrearages from the following parishes: St. Paul's, Columbus; St. Andrew's, Marshall county; and from Ascension, Hernando, ten dollars.

The Treasurer of the Convention, acknowledges the receipt, since the close of the Convention, of the arrearages due the Contingent Expense Fund, from the following named parishes: St. Paul's, Woodville; St. Paul's, Columbus; St. Andrew's, Marshall county; Ascension, Hernando; Crucifixion, Yazoo county; St. John's, Lake Washington.

#### WHEN AND WHERE TO BE PAID.

The amount of the Assessments mentioned on the foregoing page, as levied for the Support of the Episcopate, should be remitted to Mr. James Roach, Treasurer of the Diocese, at Vicksburg, as follows: One-fourth thereof on the first days of July, October, January and April, respectively.

The amount of Assessments made for Contingent Expenses, should be remitted to Mr. Giles M. Hillyer, Treasurer of the Convention, at Natchez, on or before the first day of April, 1858.

*The amount of Arrearages now outstanding and due to either Fund, should be remitted without delay, to the one, or the other, of the above named officers, as the case may be.*



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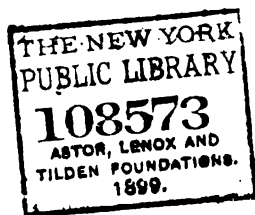
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### Those not Entitled to Seats in Convention of 1858.

\*Rev. Robert B. Croes, officiating in St. Paul's Church, Woodville.

Rev. Wm. Fagg, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Marshall Co.:  
Postoffice, La Grange, Tenn.

Rev. James D. Gibson, Rector of St. John's Church, Pontotoc,  
and of Grace Church, Okolona : Postoffice, Okolona.

Rev. J. H. Ingraham : Postoffice, Washington, Adams Co.

Rev. Gideon B. Perry, D. D., L. L. D., Rector of Trinity  
Church, Natchez.

\*Rev. Benj. R. Smyser, officiating in Madison Co. : Postoffice,  
Canton.

### Candidates for Holy Orders.

\*Mr. George C. Harris, [Mr. Harris was admitted to the Diaconate, during the session of the Convention, on the 25th day of April 1858. His missionary field will be Oxford, Panola and Sledgeville : Postoffice, Panola.]

Mr. George Stewart, Nashotah.

Mr. M. Leander Weller, Nashotah.

## LIST OF LAY DELEGATES,

### Entitled to Seats in the Diocesan Convention of 1858.

[Those whose names are marked with an asterisk, attended the sittings of the Convention.]

#### TRINITY CHURCH.....NATCHEZ.

##### *Delegates.*

John T. McMurren,

\*Giles M. Hillyer,

\*Joseph D. Shields.

#### CHRIST CHURCH.....CHURCH HILL.

##### *Delegates.*

Edgar G. Wood,

\*Thomas R. Shields, Sr.,

James S. Johnston.

#### CHRIST CHURCH.....VICKSBURG.

##### *Delegates.*

\*Wm. C. Smedes,

\*D. Tilton Bigelow,

\*James Roach.

##### *Alternate.*

Hon. Wm. A. Lake.

## ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.....OLINTON.

*Delegates.*

\*Jno. M. Greaves,  
\*L. C. Harris,  
W. H. Hinton.

*Alternate.*

Wm. M. Johnson, M. D.

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.....JACKSON.

*Delegates.*

\*Geo. S. Yerger,  
\*Wm. Hardeman.

*Alternates.*

George Fearn,  
Wm. Yerger.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.....PONTOTOC.

*Delegates.*

B. C. Earle,  
C. D. Fontaine,  
Harvey Goodrich.

## ASCENSION CHURCH.....HERNANDO.

*Delegates.*

Wm. Henry Johnston,  
J. T. M. Smith,  
G. D. Campbell.

## GRACE CHURCH.....CANTON.

*Delegates.*

\*A. Sneed,  
Wesley Drane,  
\*Geo. Ward.

*Alternates.*

C. C. Shackelford,  
\*T. C. Tupper,  
W. M. C. Jones.

## ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.....KIRKWOOD.

*Delegates.*

\*Hon. Wm. McWillie,  
\*W. Hemingway, M. D.,  
E. H. Anderson, M. D.

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.....BRANDON.

*Delegates.*

\*Col. W. D. Bibb,  
\*H. J. Posey, M. D.

*Alternates.*

C. A. Reading,  
D. W. Wilkinson.

## TRINITY CHURCH.....PAS CHRISTIAN.

*Delegates.*

P. B. McCutcheon,  
G. N. Smith, M. D.

## CALVARY CHURCH.....HOLMES COUNTY.

*Delegates.*

T. T. Meade, M. D.,  
Robert B. Eggleston,  
J. M. Gwinn.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.....EARLY GROVE.

*Delegates.*

- \*J. G. Bailey, M. D.,
- \*George C. Harris.

## GRACE CHURCH.....OKOLONA.

*Delegates.*

- John E. Tucker, M. D.,
- C. S. Howe,
- D. J. Bretney.

## ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL.....ANNADALE.

*Delegates.*

- \*Martin W. Ewing,
- Robert W. Ewing,
- J. L. Carter, M. D.

## CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY.....MT. ALBON, WARREN CO.

*Delegates.*

- \*Wm. H. Schreshly,
- \*Jas. R. Downa,
- \*T. Vaughn Nolan.

*Alternates.*

- Dr. Bryan,
- Pierce Nolan,
- Dr. T. J. Thompson.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, JACKSON,  
THURSDAY PRECEDING THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, }  
April 22, 1858. }

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Thirty-second Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, the Right Reverend William Mercer Green, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, called the Convention to order at ten o'clock, A. M., and opened the same with prayer.

The roll of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, as furnished by the Bishop, was then called by the Secretary of the last Annual Convention, and the following Clergy were found to be present :

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D. D.

Rev. E. H. Downing,  
Rev. Fred'k Elwell,  
Rev. John Foster,  
Rev. Wm. W. Lord,  
Rev. Andrew Matthews,

Rev. Benj. M. Miller,  
Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne,  
Rev. Henry Sansom,  
Rev. W. P. Scott,  
Rev. Geo. W. Sill.

Credentials of Lay Delegates from Trinity Church, Natchez; Christ Church, Church Hill; Christ Church, Vicksburg; St. Matthew's Church, Clinton; St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; St. John's Church, Pontotoc; Ascension Church, Hernando; Grace Church, Canton; St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood; St. Luke's Church, Brandon; Trinity Church, Pas Christian; Grace Church, Okolona, and St. John's Chapel, Annadale, were then laid upon the Secretary's table, and referred to the Rev. W. W. Lord, and Messrs. W. C. Smedes and M. W. Ewing, as a Committee on Credentials, who, after a brief recess, reported the same as substantially correct.

Whereupon, the Report having been received, the list of

names was called, and the following Lay Delegates appeared and took their seats in the Convention :

*Trinity Church, Natchez*—Giles M. Hillyer.

*Christ Church, Church Hill*—Thos. R. Shields, Senr.,

*Christ Church, Vicksburg*—Wm. C. Smedes, and D. T. Bigelow.

*St. Matthew's Church, Clinton*—L. C. Harris.

*St. Andrew's Church, Jackson*—Geo. S. Yerger, and Wm. Hardeman.

*Grace Church, Canton*—A. Sneed.

*St. Luke's Church, Brandon*—Col. W. D. Bibb, and H. J. Posey, M. D.

*St. John's Chapel, Annadale*—Martin W. Ewing.

A constitutional quorum of the Clergy and Lay Delegates being ascertained to be present, the Bishop of the Diocese declared the Convention duly constituted, and ready to proceed to business.

On motion it was—

*Resolved*, That the Clergymen of this Diocese not entitled to seats; also Clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to Honorary seats in the Convention.

Under which resolution, the Rev. Robert B. Croes, of the Diocese of New York, but now officiating in the Diocese of Mississippi, and the Rev. Wm. K. Douglas, of the Diocese of Louisiana, appeared and took seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Rules of Order, adopted by the last Convention of this Diocese, were adopted for the present one.

[For the Rules of Order, see Appendix.]

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Secretary and Treasurer; when, the taking of the ballot having been by a unanimous vote dispensed with, Giles M. Hillyer was unanimously re-elected to said offices.

The Right Reverend, the President of the Convention, announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Credentials*.—Rev. Mr. W. W. Lord, and Messrs. Wm. C. Smedes, and M. W. Ewing.

*On the Admission of New Congregations*—Rev. Mr. W. P. Scott, and Messrs. Wm. Hardeman and Dr. H. J. Posey.

*On the State of the Church*—Rev. Messrs. W. W. Lord, Henry Sanson, Andrew Matthews, John Foster, and Frederick Elwell.

*On Finance*—Messrs. James Roach, M. W. Ewing, Wm. C. Smedes, G. S. Yerger, and G. M. Hillyer.

*On Constitution and Canons*—Rev. Mr. Geo. W. Sill, and Messrs. Thos. R. Shields, and W. D. Bibb.

*On Diocesan Schools*—Rev. Mr. B. M. Miller, and Messrs. Geo. S. Yerger, and D. T. Bigelow.

*On Unfinished Business*—Rev. Mr. E. H. Downing, and Mr. A. Sneed.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until after Divine service.

Divine Service was celebrated at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Benj. M. Miller, Rector of Christ Church, Church Hill, read the Morning Service; assisted by the Rev. Geo. W. Sill, Rector of Trinity Church, Pas Christian; and the Rev. Henry Sansom, Rector of Grace Church, Canton; and the Rev. John Foster, Rector of Trinity Church, Yazoo City, preached from the First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, ii. Chapter, 1st, 2d, 8d, 4th and 5th verses: "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech, or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

After Divine Service, the Convention was again called to order by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Diocese presented the following report from that Committee, which was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

#### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

JACKSON, April 22, 1858.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee reports that there has been no business requiring the action of the Committee since the last Convention, and there has consequently been no meeting of the Committee.

WM. C. SMEDES, Secretary.

The Convention then, on motion, adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, JACKSON, }  
 THURSDAY, April 22, 1858, 4, P. M. }

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning's session were read and approved.

Hon. Wm. McWillie, Lay Delegate from *St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood*, appeared and took his seat.

Certified copies of the Articles of Association of the Church of the Nativity, Mount Albon, Warren county; of St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City, Harrison county, and of St. Luke's Church, Shieldsboro', Hancock county, and of the several proceedings at their adoption, were laid before the Convention, read and referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.

Parochial reports were read from the following named Parishes, which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, viz:

Trinity Church, Natchez; St. Paul's Church, Woodville; Christ Church, Church Hill; Christ Church, Vicksburg; St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; Trinity Church, Yazoo City; St. John's Church, Pontotoc; Ascension Church, Hernando; St. John's Church, Aberdeen; Grace Church, Canton; St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood; Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo City; Trinity Church, Pas Christian; Grace Church, Okolona; Chapel of the Cross, Madison Co.; St. Thomas Church, Pikeville; and also reports from the Rev. W. Parker Scott, Rev. F. W. Damus, Rev. Thos. S. Savage, M. D., and Rev. W. G. H. Jones.

Leave of absence from the remainder of the sittings of the Convention was asked for by Mr. L. C. Harris, Lay Delegate from St. Matthew's Church, Clinton, and granted.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

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Divine Service was celebrated on Thursday Evening at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Wm. K. Douglas, of the Diocese of Louisiana, read the Evening Service, assisted by the Rev. Robert B. Croes, of the Diocese of New York, and the Rev. Mr. Croes, preached from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, xviii. Chapter, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th verses: "Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his

fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church; but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven."

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, JACKSON, }  
FRIDAY, April 23, 1858. }

The Convention was called to order at nine o'clock, A. M., by the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, who opened it with prayer.

The roll of Clerical and Lay Delegates was called, and there were found present as on yesterday, with the addition of the following: of the Clergy—

Rev. Jas. C. Fox,  
Rev. Wm. C. Stout,  
Rev. Benj. Halsted.

And of the Laity, from—

*Trinity Church, Natchez*—Jos. D. Shields.  
*Christ Church, Vicksburg*—Jas. Roach.  
*Grace Church, Canton*—Geo. Ward.

Under the resolution adopted yesterday, the Rev. Thos F. Davis, Jr., of the Diocese of South Carolina, the Rev. Benj. R. Smyser, of this Diocese, and Mr. Geo. C. Harris, a candidate for Holy Orders, took their seats in the Convention.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

The Committee on the Admission of New Congregations presented the following report:

### REPORT

#### UPON THE ADMISSION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS.

The Committee on the admission of new Congregations, respectfully report that they have examined three applications to this Convention to organize Parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the following places: One from the town of Mount Albion, in Warren county, to be named, "The Church of the Nativity;" one from the town of Shieldsboro', in the county of Hancock, to be known by the name of St. Luke's, and one from Mississippi City,



in the county of Harrison, to be known by the name of St. Mark's. Your Committee find said applications to be in accordance with the articles of organization prescribed for such purposes, and therefore recommend that the several Congregations included in the above mentioned applications, be admitted into union with this Convention.

WM. PARKER SCOTT,  
WILL. HARDEMAN,  
H. J. POSEY.

Which Report was received, and on motion, adopted; and thereupon the said Parishes of the Church of the Nativity, Mount Albon; St. Mark's, Mississippi City; and St. Luke's, Shieldsboro', were received into union with the Convention.

Credentials of Lay Delegates from Calvary Church, Holmes county, and from the Church of the Nativity, were read and referred to the Committee on Credentials, who reported the same as correct.

Whereupon, the following answered to their names:

*Church of the Nativity, Mount Albon*—Wm. H. Sthreshly, Jas. B. Downs, and T. Vaughn Nolan.

Parochial Reports were read from the following named parishes, which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, viz: St. Matthew's, Clinton; St. Luke's Church, Brandon; Calvary Church, Holmes Co.; St. John's Church, Early Grove; St. John's Chapel, Annadale; Church of the Nativity, Mount Albon; and also reports from the Rev. Jas. A. Fox, Rev. W. C. Stout, and Rev. B. R. Smyser.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

#### REPORT

##### OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that from an examination of the Journal of the last Convention, they do not find that any such business was left for the action of this Convention.

E. H. DOWNING, Chairman.

The Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, then read his Journal and Address.

[For the Bishop's Journal and Address, see Appendix.]

The Convention then took a recess until after Divine Service.

Divine Service was celebrated at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Rev. Mr. Frederick Elwell, Rector of St. Luke's

Church, Brandon, read the Morning Service, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Benj. R. Smyser; and the Rev. Mr. Wm. K. Douglas, of the Diocese of Louisiana, preached from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, xviii. Chapter, and part of the 32d verse: "O thou wicked servant."

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop of the Diocese.

On motion, the various subjects alluded to in the Bishop's address, were referred to special Committees as follows—

The subject of a Book Depository, to Messrs. Yerger, Smedes and Jos. D. Shields.

The subject of Female Schools, to the Rev. Messrs. Miller and Sill, and Messrs. Yerger, Smedes and Ewing.

The subject of the University of the South, to the Rev. Mr. Stout, and Messrs. Thos. R. Shields and Nolan.

The Secretary read a communication from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the last General Convention, covering certain proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Church, which were referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

The subject of the time and place of holding the next Annual Convention of the Diocese, was, on motion, taken up, when it was moved and carried—

That the Thirty-third Annual Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi should be held in *Trinity Church, Natchez, on the Fourth Thursday in April, A. D., 1859.*

The Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following report, which was received and agreed to.

## REPORT

### OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, so far as it is based on the Parochial Reports, can only furnish a part of the data required to form a correct opinion of the condition of the Diocese. The Journal of the Bishop better indicates, perhaps, the state of religion, and the prospects of the Church, in the extensive region where he recommends and illustrates the Episcopal office by Apostolic labors. The principle of faith must enter largely into any adequate judgment upon the state of a young and growing Diocese, in which the very rapidity of growth develops mingled elements of strength and weakness.

The Bishop reports that three parishes have been organized since the last Convention; and that one person has been admitted to the

Order of Deacons. Five clergymen have entered the Diocese, and are engaged in the work of the Church; though but two of them have been formally transferred. There are thirty clergymen in active employment, as preachers or teachers, within the bounds of the Diocese.

It is most gratifying to the Committee to be able to state that the Parochial Reports shew that the contributions to the Church have been more than doubled during the past, as compared with any preceding year: a fact which, taken in connection with the great pecuniary embarrassment under which the entire community has labored, seems to indicate, and invite us to recognize the hand of Providence.

The number of confirmations is considerably in excess of those reported in the last year, while the number of baptisms is so much greater, as to excite a feeling, at once, of surprise and thankfulness.

There is much, however, to remind us that by a law of Providence, as well as of Nature, the seed-time must precede the harvest. The Committee invite attention to that part of the Bishop's Address which refers to the contemplated establishment of a Book Depository in the Diocese. There is no denomination of Christians which can derive anything like an equal advantage from the dissemination of books. We have better books, both devotional and controversial, than any other Church or any sect. The libraries of learned Divines of all denominations are mainly furnished from the inexhaustible repertory of the Church of England. And in addition to their intrinsic merit, our books, regarded as a means of diffusing the Church, derive a peculiar value from the circumstance that there exists no other body of Christians whose principles so much invite and require patient and unimpassioned investigation. Did we understand where our strength resides, we should not leave to the other denominations the almost exclusive use of means which would be so much more powerful in the hands of the Church.

The Committee desire, especially, to call attention to the success of the Rev. Mr. Sansom in the experiment (always they believe successful,) of bestowing intelligent and energetic labor upon several small parishes or cures. The same course has been pursued with like success by the Rev. Mr. Lawson of Northern Mississippi. It seems to combine the advantages of "itineracy" with those of the parochial relation; so inseparable from the genius and policy of the Protestant Episcopal Church. It brings the Church into contact with a greater number of those scattered here and there, (and of whom there are a few at least in every community,) who are already inclined to the Church, or who are susceptible of being influenced by her Apostolic Order, her pure teachings, and her sublime devotions. Instead of wasting the energies of the minister upon a small community, in which, while a few are edified, the Church is not increased, it directs them to a larger field, gives him new material to work upon—and the Church opportunity to attract and assimilate the elements

of growth and prosperity that may exist beyond and exterior to the centres of Church influence already established in our sparsely peopled diocese.

It is very gratifying to remark that the Church has not relaxed her efforts to reach and benefit the slave population. Indirectly, indeed, she labors for their spiritual benefit in seeking that of their Masters. Those ministers, who, from the demand made on their time and energies by large white congregations, can do but little for this class, may console themselves with the reflection *that they can confer no greater benefit upon the Slaves than by making Christians of their Masters.* Masters, who are Christians, will not be satisfied to leave their slaves in heathenism; nor will they be apt to think that the want of true religion can be supplied by superstition or fanaticism, or by any form of partial and perverted Christianity.

The following is a summary of the Parochial Reports:

	1857.	1857.
Number of Families, - - - -	573	668
Baptisms—Adults, White, - - -		50
“ “ Colored, - - -		94
“ Infants, White, - - -		193
“ “ Colored, - - -	-388	202—539
Confirmations, - - - -		159
Communicants—Former number, -		
White,	721	
Colored,	143—864	
Added, -		137
Died, -		15
Removed,		77
Present number, -		
White,		820
Colored,		163—983
Marrriages—White, - - - -		39
“ Colored, - - - -	-50	19— 58
Funerals—White, - - - -		74
“ Colored, - - - -	-69	8— 82
Sunday School Teachers, - - -	68	87
Scholars, - - - -	493	663
Total Contributions, - - -	\$14,299 49	\$30,846 30

Reports have been received from 30 Parishes, and six Ministers, and Missionary Stations. W. W. LORD, Chairman.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Convention to attend the proposed meeting at Chattanooga, relative to the establishment of a South-Western University, presented the following report, which was received.

## REPORT

## OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

The Committee on the University of the South, refer the Convention to that part of the Bishop's report, which relates to the subject.

W. W. LORD, Chairman.

The Convention then adjourned to half-past four o'clock, P. M.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, JACKSON, }  
FRIDAY, April 23, 1858. }

The Convention was called to order at half-past four o'clock, P. M., by the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese.

Present as before.

The following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, Since the adjournment of the last Convention, it has pleased Almighty God, to take from his sphere of usefulness on earth, our late friend and brother, CHARLES L. THOMAS, who, as a Christian, was an ornament of the Church; as a man, adorned the social circle; as a citizen, was patriotic and public spirited,—one who, as a Christian, man and citizen, was always true to what he believed the best interests of the Church, the State and the community. Therefore—

*Resolved*, That we deeply deplore his death, and sincerely sympathize with his bereaved family; yet we feel that they have an abiding consolation in the fact, that he died in the communion of the Church, the confidence of a certain faith, and in the hope and belief of a blessed immortality.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary communicate a copy of the above preamble and resolution to the family of the deceased.

The Treasurer of the Diocese presented his Report, and Account, which were received, read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

## REPORT

## OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Diocese, reports that he has received from all sources since the last Convention, and paid over to the Bishop on account of his salary, as per receipts Nos. 1 to 32, filed herewith, the sum of - - - - - \$2669 50

The amount due Bishop on account of salary for the year ending 1st July, 1857, as reported to last Convention, was,	181 52
Amount (due quarterly in advance) for the year ending 1st July, 1858,	3000 00
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	\$3181 52
Less amount paid Bishop as above,	2669 50
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Amount due Bishop for the year ending 1st July, 1858,	\$512 02
Which by resolution of Convention being payable quarterly in advance, should have been paid to him on 1st April 1858.	
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The amount of arrears due by Parishes at last Convention; Assessments by Convention of 1857,	\$450 50 2550 00
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Amount to be collected from Parishes during the year,	\$3000 50
Of this there has been collected,	2150 00
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	850 50
And one Parish, St. John's, Lake Washington, has over-paid,	20 00
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Making the amount due from delinquent Parishes,	\$870 50
Statement marked A exhibits the arrears, assessments and collections from Parishes to this date, in a tabular form.	
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The amount collected for Interest on notes given towards the Episcopal Fund is,	\$449 50
The fifth and last contribution,—Geo. Calhoun,	50 00
The annual contribution of Fielding Davis, Esq.,	20 00
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	519 50
Collected from Parishes as above,	2150 00
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Total collected,	\$2669 50
There is now due for Interest on notes due the Bishop's Fund, on \$900 at 6 per cent.,	
	\$54 00
On \$500 at 10 per cent.,	50 00
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Interest now due,	\$104 00
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The amount of notes held by Treasurer on account of Bishop's Fund is \$6350, the same as reported at last Annual Convention; of this amount, \$1287 50 is at 6 per cent.,	
	\$ 77 25
\$5062 50 is at 10 per cent.,	506 25
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Which will yield the coming year, the sum of	\$583 50
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The six per cent. notes have been called in as rapidly as possible, under the resolution of the Convention of 1856, (page 48,) and changed to notes bearing ten per cent. interest; the amounts so called in have been, as far as practicable, reloaned to the original subscribers.

In submitting his Report to the Convention, the Treasurer cannot withhold the expression of his regret at the increasing amount due as arrears from Parishes, on account of the annual assessments, for the support of the Bishop. These amounts were for the year ending

April 1856,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$242 50
1857,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450 50
1858,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	870 50

This very undesirable result indicates the necessity of some change or modification of the present system, or the adoption of a better plan for the support of the Bishop. Some of the Parishes complain of the amount of the present assessment; many of them have not paid anything for years, and there seems but little prospect of increasing the amount of the assessments, or collecting the arrears of long standing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ROAGUE, Treasurer.

APRIL 23, 1858.

## STATEMENT A.

Assessments, Etc., for Bishop's Salary—Year ending April, 1888.

Names of Parishes.	Arrears am't due at last Convention.	Assess'd by Convention 1887.	Total due '87, '88.	Pd to the date of this rept.	Amount now due.
Trinity Church, Natchez,	00 00	500 00	500 00	500 00	00 00
*Christ Church, Vicksburg,	00 00	380 00	380 00	187 50	242 50
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson,	00 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	00 00
Christ Church, Church Hill,	00 00	260 00	260 00	260 00	00 00
Christ Church, Holly Springs,	60 00	120 00	180 00	60 00	120 00
Trinity Church, Pas Christian,	00 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	00 00
Trinity Church, Yamac City,	00 00	80 00	80 00	80 00	00 00
*St. Paul's Church, Woodville,	00 00	100 00	100 00	50 00	50 00
St. Paul's Church, Columbus,	90 00	60 00	150 00	120 00	30 00
*St. John's Church, Lake Washington	00 00	80 00	80 00	100 00	00 00
St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood,	60 00	65 00	65 00	45 00	00 00
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall Co.,	25 00	50 00	75 00	50 00	25 00
Grace Church, Canton,	00 00	65 00	65 00	65 00	00 00
St. Peter's Church, Oxford,	20 00	60 00	80 00	00 00	80 00
Epiphany Church, Claiborne Co.,	48 00	30 00	78 00	15 00	53 00
St. John's Church, Aberdeen,	00 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	00 00
St. John's Church, Pontotoc,	40 00	10 00	50 00	10 00	40 00
Chapel of the Cross, Madison Co.,	60 00	20 00	30 00	30 00	00 00
Advent Church, Washington,	40 00	20 00	60 00	00 00	60 00
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton,	00 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	00 00
St. Mark's Church, Raymond,	00 00	20 00	20 00	00 00	20 00
Calvary Church, Holmes Co.,	00 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	00 00
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf,	20 00	20 00	40 00	40 00	00 00
St. John's Chapel, Annadale,	60 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	00 00
St. Luke's Church, Brandon,	30 00	10 00	40 00	10 00	30 00
Messiah Church, Neshubee Co.,	10 00	10 00	20 00	10 00	10 00
*Ascension Church, Hernando,	20 00	10 00	30 00	10 00	20 00
Grace Church, Okolona,	10 00	10 00	20 00	10 00	10 00
St. James' Church, Port Gibson,	22 50	10 00	22 50	17 50	5 00
*St. John's Church, Early Grove,	00 00	10 00	10 00	00 00	10 00
St. John's Church, De Soto,	20 00	10 00	40 00	00 00	40 00
*Church of the Crucifixion, Yamac Co.	00 00	10 00	10 00	60 00	10 00
Christ Church, Monticello,	00 00	10 00	10 00	00 00	10 00
St. Thomas' Church, Pikeville,	00 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	00 00

Totals, \$450 50 \$3550 00 \$3000 50 \$2150 00 \$270 50

a Over-paid the assessment, \$20 00.

\* Ascension Church, Hernando, \$10 00.

\* Crucifixion, Yamac, 10 00.

\* St. John's, Early Grove, 10 00.

\* Christ Church, Vicksburg, \$242 50.

\* St. Paul's Church, Woodville, 50 00.

Paid during Convention.

Paid since date of Report.

VICKSBURG, 22d April, 1888.

The Treasurer of the Convention presented the following report, together with his account current and accompanying documents, which were received, read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## REPORT

## OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

*To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi.*

The Treasurer of the Convention presents his Annual Account Current of the Contingent Expense Fund.



But five of the eleven parishes indebted last year for arrearages, have paid those arrearages, while only twenty-three out of thirty-four parishes assessed, have paid the assessments made upon them by the Convention of 1857, for the Contingent Expenses of 1858.

These arrearages of 1857, still amount to \$70. While those of the present year, from eleven parishes, are \$115, being nearly one-third of the whole assessment. There is now on hand the sum of \$199 52-100, to meet the expenses of the present Convention, which are estimated at \$325 00.

The Treasurer appends a list of these arrearages, and the parishes from which they are due.

In doing so, he would call the attention of the Convention to the duty incumbent upon the Parishes to forward to the Treasurer the amount of the assessments by, or previous to the first day of the assembling of the Convention. The Canon requires him to notify them to that effect, one month in advance. This duty he has strictly performed. The Rules of Order indicate his early report of this trust fund, while the expedition of the business of the Convention renders such early report indispensable. To make this early report, would, under the present way of doing business, leave a large majority of the parishes in arrears—a circumstance mortifying to them, and derogatory to their character for punctuality. The labors of the Secretary being somewhat onerous, although performed most cheerfully, the Parishes should not, by their neglect of a simple duty, or by want of punctuality, throw upon him an additional burthen.

All which is respectfully submitted,

GILES M. HILLYER, Sec'y of Convention.

JACKSON, April 23, 1858.

[The Treasurer's Account Current will be found in the Appendix.]

#### Arrearages to Contingent Expense Fund.

	1854.	1855.	1856.	1857.
*St. Andrew's Church, Jackson,				30 00
Christ Church, Holly Springs,			20 00	20 00
*St. Paul's Church, Woodville,				15 00
St. Paul's, Columbus,				15 00
St. Peter's, Oxford,				5 00
*Epiphany, Claiborne,			5 00	5 00
Advent, Washington,		5 00	5 00	5 00
St. Mark's, Raymond,				5 00
St. James', Port Gibson,				5 00
St. John's, Pontotoc,	5 00	5 00	5 00	
St. John's, De Soto,	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Messiah, Noxubee Co.,			5 00	
*Christ Church, Monticello,				5 00
	\$10 00	\$15 00	\$45 00	\$115 00

[Those parishes marked with an asterisk, thus \*, have paid in their arrearages since the presentation of this report.]

An application was made for a remission of arrearages for Bishop's salary and Contingent expenses, due by St. John's Church, Pontotoc, and the same was, on motion, referred, together with all similar applications, if any, to the Committee on Finance.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Diocesan Officers for the ensuing year; and the balloting in each case having been by an unanimous vote dispensed with, the following of the Clergy and Laity were unanimously elected to the several offices named:

**STANDING COMMITTEE.**

Rev. W. W. Lord,	Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,
Rev. Henry Sansom,	Mr. W. C. Smedes.
Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne,	

**TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND AND CHURCH PROPERTY.**

Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,  
Mr. Jas. Roach,  
Mr. Wm. C. Smedes.

**TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.**

Rev. W. W. Lord,  
Rev. Jas. A. Fox,  
Mr. Geo. S. Yerger.

**ECCLIASTICAL COURT.**

Rev. B. M. Miller,	Rev. H. Sansom,
Rev. Jas. A. Fox,	Rev. W. W. Lord.
Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne,	

**TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.**

Mr. James Roach, Vicksburg.

The Convention, on motion, adjourned to meet again at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning; the adjournment being for the purpose of allowing a meeting to be held of the Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi.

[For its Proceedings, etc., see Appendix.]

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Divine Service was celebrated at 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. W. C. Croes read the Evening Service, assisted by the Rev. Benj. Halsted, and the Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr., of the Diocese of South Carolina, preached from the Epistle of Paul to the Philipians, iv chap., 7th verse—"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, JACKSON, }  
 SATURDAY, April 24, 1858, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention came to order, Rev. Jas. A. Fox in the Chair, in the absence of the Bishop of the Diocese, (who was unwell,) and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The credentials of Lay Delegates from St. John's Church, Early Grove, were read and referred to the Committee on Credentials, who reported the same as correct, whereupon Dr. Isham L. Bailey and Mr. Geo. C. Harris appeared and took their seats.

A Parochial report was read from Christ Church, Holly Springs, and a report from the Rev. Mr. Croes.

The following report from the Committee on Diocesan Schools was presented, read, received and adopted :

### REPORT

#### OF COMMITTEE ON DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

It is with feelings of deep regret that your Committee present this their report on the matter referred to them for consideration. Their regret arises out of the fact already stated in the Bishop's address, viz: that the one only remaining institution hitherto known as a Diocesan School, has, for the present, at least, ceased to dispense the blessings of moral and intellectual culture upon the sons of the Church. Your committee are not furnished with data upon which to found any calculation as to the time when St. Thomas' Hall may be re-opened. They would indulge the hope of a speedy return to its former usefulness.

Of the Female Academy at Pass Christian, under the care of the Rev. Dr. Savage, your Committee cannot well speak in terms too favorable. It may be sufficient to say that whatever the Bishop has set forth in his address in reference to that institution, is worthy of all acceptance by the Church in this Diocese, and of all the patronage that may be bestowed thereon.

Your Committee cannot close this report without the further indulgence of hope that the parents and guardians of the sons and daughters of the Church, will e'er long awake to the importance of a united, heartfelt, and if need be, a self-sacrificing effort to establish in the length and breadth of our Diocese, institutions of learning, whence future mothers in Israel shall be spoken of as the fruits of a present pious, effective zeal among the members of our holy mother Church.

All which is respectfully submitted.

B. M. MILLER, Chairman.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted :

*Resolved*, That in conformity with the request of the "Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi," lately in session, the proceedings of its annual meeting, and the Constitution of said Society, be printed in an Appendix to the Journal of this Convention.

*Resolved*, That in view of the critical condition of the health of our beloved Diocesan, it is the unanimous sense of this Convention that it should be recommended to him to suspend the active duties and labors of the Episcopate, for such length of time as his health may require for its re-establishment; and that, in connexion with the Standing Committee, he provide in the interim, such Episcopal Services as the wants of the Diocese may demand.

A resolution from the Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in this Diocese, suggesting to this Convention the propriety of altering the Canon on Convocations, so as to provide for four or more each year, with a view in part to aid the funds of that Society, was read and referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was read, received and with the resolutions thereto appended, adopted:

## REPORT

### OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the report and accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocese, and the report and account of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, have, through a sub-committee, examined the same and find them correct. The resolutions of the sub-committee are hereto appended.

The Finance Committee have considered the various communications referred to them for the remission of arrears of several small and feeble parishes, and regret that they cannot comply with the prayer of the applicants; the large amount due the Bishop for his annual salary, forbids any other course on the part of the Committee, who hope to see increased efforts speedily made to reduce these arrears, and thus relieve our respected Bishop from the embarrassments he has suffered in consequence of them.

The Committee have foreborne to increase to any great extent the assessments for the Bishop's salary, and Contingent expenses of the Convention, for the ensuing year.

The following assessment for both objects is annexed : that for the Bishop's salary amounts to \$2590, which, with the estimated interest to be secured from the Bishop's Fund, \$583 50-100, makes the sum of \$3173 50-100. The assessment for contingent expenses of Convention is the same amount as for the past year, namely, \$362 50. Two Parishes which have neither reported nor paid their assessment

for three years, have been dropped, namely: Advent Church, at Washington, and St. John's Church, De Soto.

Three new parishes admitted at this Convention have been moderately assessed, for both objects.

The following is the new list of assessments for Bishop's Salary and Contingent Expenses:

Parishes.	Bishop's Fund.	Contingent Expenses.
Trinity Church, Natchez, - - -	\$500	\$40
Christ Church, Vicksburg, - - -	400	30
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, - - -	300	30
Christ Church, Church Hill, - - -	260	30
Trinity Church, Pas Christian, - - -	120	15
Christ Church, Holly Springs, - - -	100	15
St. Paul's Church, Woodville, - - -	100	15
St. John's Church, Lake Washington, - - -	100	15
Trinity Church, Yazoo City, - - -	80	20
St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood, - - -	75	10
St Paul's Church, Columbus, - - -	60	15
Grace Church, Canton, - - -	65	10
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, - - -	50	10
St. Peter's Church, Oxford, - - -	50	5
Chapel of the Cross, Madison county, - - -	40	5
Church of the Nativity, Mount Albon, - - -	25	5
Epiphany Church, Claiborne county, - - -	20	5
St. John's Church, Aberdeen, - - -	20	5
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton, - - -	20	5
St. Mark's Church, Raymond, - - -	20	5
Calvary Church, Holmes county, - - -	20	5
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf, - - -	20	5
St. John's Church, Annadale, - - -	20	5
St. Luke's Church, Brandon, - - -	15	5
St. John's Church, Pontotoc, - - -	10	5
Messiah Church, Noxubee county, - - -	10	5
Ascension Church, Hernando, - - -	10	5
Grace Church, Okolona, - - -	10	5
St. James' Church, Port Gibson, - - -	10	5
St. John's Church, Early Grove, - - -	10	5
Christ Church, Monticello, - - -	10	5
St. Thomas's Church, Pikeville, - - -	10	5
Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo Co., - - -	10	2 50
St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City, - - -	10	5
St. Luke's Church, Shieldsboro', - - -	10	5
	<hr/> \$2590	<hr/> \$362 50

The experience of the past year has shown, that the present mode of assessing the Parishes for the support of the Bishop is not always reliable; very few Parishes comply with the rule, requiring one-

fourth of the assessment to be paid on the first days of January, April, July, and October; even in these years, when the salary has been nearly, or fully paid up, a very considerable portion of it has been delayed till the meeting of the Convention, thus depriving the Bishop of the means of meeting his engagements, due, by the custom of the country, on the first day of January. This state of affairs at an early period, after the call of our Bishop, attracted the attention of the Convention, and under its authority an effort was made to raise an Episcopal Fund, out of the interest of which, to support the Bishop, and relieve the Parishes from any assessments for that purpose; of the reliable amount thus raised, \$5000 was invested in a residence for the Bishop, and \$6,860 00 of good notes bearing interest, are now in the hands of the Treasurer, which will yield during the coming year, \$589 50. A variety of causes prevented the intended plan being carried out, but the Convention has always recognized its necessity. At the Convention of 1856, Journal of 1856, page 48, the Finance Committee presented a resolution on this subject, which was adopted by the Convention without a dissenting voice—all present seemed to feel that our excellent Bishop, who had worked so faithfully in the cause of God and his Church; whose arduous labors required long and frequent absences from his family, should have an assurance that those he loved next to his Maker, should not be uncared for. The plan proposed by the resolution referred to, was cumbrous in its details, and contemplated entrusting the management of the matter to a great number of persons, and it remains a dead letter, no action having been taken under it.

The Committee feel now, more than ever, the necessity of a permanent fund to be securely invested for the Bishop's support, and they submit herewith a resolution for the action of the Convention. *Forty Thousand Dollars* should be raised for this purpose, and the Committee cannot doubt that with an earnest effort, and the hearty co-operation of all good Church-men in the Diocese, it can be done. It is surely not too much to expect, that in a Diocese numbering over a thousand Communicants, so small an amount can be collected.

J. ROACH,	}	Finance
W. C. SMEDES,		
M. W. EWING,	}	Committee.
G. S. YERGER,		
G. M. HILLYER.		

*Resolved*, That the Standing Committee of the Diocese, be, and are hereby authorized to appoint some suitable agent, as soon as convenient after the adjournment of the Convention, on such terms, and for such period, as they may deem proper, to visit the several parishes in the Diocese, for the purpose of obtaining an endowment for the support of the Episcopate, and that such agent be requested to procure subscriptions in cash, or the notes of solvent persons, payable at from one to ten years from date, to the Treasurer of the

Diocese, bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, the interest payable annually, either on the first day of January, April, July or October, and that he forward all such cash or notes to the Treasurer of the Diocese, as soon as they are obtained; and that the person so appointed, be requested to report quarterly, the proceedings to the Treasurer of the Diocese, and also, to the next Convention, the result of his efforts in this behalf; and that the Rector and Vestry of each Parish be requested earnestly to co-operate with such agent in pressing the subject upon the people of their respective parishes:

J. ROACH,  
W. C. SMEDES,  
M. W. EWING,  
GEO. S. YERGER,  
G. M. HILLYER

The undersigned, a sub-committee of the Committee on Finance, to whom the report of Maj. James Roach, the Treasurer of the Diocese, has been submitted, have carefully examined the same; with the accompanying vouchers, and have found the same in all respects, accurate.

We have also examined into the account and vouchers of Mr. G. M. Hillyer, the Treasurer of the Convention, and have found the same in like manner, in all respects, correct and accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. EWING, } Sub  
W. C. SMEDES. } Committee.

Mr. J. M. Greaves, a delegate from *St. Matthew's Church, Clinton*, and Mr. T. C. Tupper, an alternate delegate from *Grace Church, Canton*, appeared and took their seats.

The Select Committee on the State of the Episcopal Residence, presented the following report, which was received, read, and with its accompanying resolution, adopted:

### REPORT

#### OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report on the condition of the Episcopal Residence, report that the same requires repairs immediately, to preserve it. One Thousand Dollars will put it in a good state of repair. They report that the following gentlemen have undertaken to raise the respective amounts hereafter stated, in their respective Parishes, by way of loan, subscription, or otherwise, viz: Joseph D. Shields, \$300 in Natchez; Geo. S. Yerger, \$200 in Jackson; Thos. R. Shields, Jr. and Rev. Mr. Miller, \$200 from Church Hill; James Roach, and T. B. Bigelow, \$200 in Vicksburg; M. W. Ewing, \$80 in St. John's Church, Annadale; Rev. Mr. Sansom, \$30 to \$100 in Canton. The Standing Committee will also endeavor to raise any balance needed, from other Parishes.

The Committee offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Standing Committee be authorized to collect the above, and other sums necessary, and employ suitable workmen to repair the Episcopal Residence.

G. S. YERGER, Chairman.

The Special Committee on the subject of a Diocesan Female School, presented the following Report, which was read and received :

## REPORT

### ON DIOCESAN FEMALE INSTITUTE.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address in relation to a Diocesan Female Institution, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and state that they fully concur in the views expressed by the Bishop upon this important subject. Such institutions, wherever established permanently, have been productive of much good; they are vitally important in every Diocese. But in order to insure their success, no debt should be created, nor should any attempt be made until such a sum is raised, as will, in all probability, ensure that the attempt will not end in failure.

The Committee hope and believe, that there is a spirit of liberality in the Diocese, to effect this desirable object. A gentleman, resident in another Diocese, generously placed in the hands of the Bishop, \$3000, as a starting point, or commencement. Part of this fund has been invested in the purchase of about 33 acres of land adjoining the city of Jackson, beautifully situated for a Female Seminary. After deducting what was paid for the land, there still remains about \$1000 uninvested. It is believed that a part of the land can be sold for \$2000, leaving enough whereon to erect buildings for the institution. The Diocese therefore has the ground necessary for the buildings, and about \$3000 to be appropriated to this object.

The Committee recommend that a sale of part of said land be made at such time as the Standing Committee shall deem advisable, and the proceeds together with the amount now in hand, be invested at 10 per cent. interest; and in the meantime, that such contributions as may from time to time be made, be also invested until such an amount is received, as will justify the commencement and finishing of the buildings. The committee recommend that no step be taken until such fund is secured, and in the meantime hope that all members of the Church and others throughout the Diocese, will aid in effecting this laudable undertaking. They also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the establishment of a Diocesan Female Institute, to be under the government and control of the Church, will be greatly beneficial to the best interests of education and religion.

*Resolved*, That a part of the land now held by the Diocese for the



above purpose be sold, should the Standing Committee deem the sale advisable, and the proceeds, together with all other monies received, be invested by the Standing Committee, at 10 per cent. per annum, until such amount of money is raised, as will enable the Convention to build and endow such institution.

B. M. MILLER, Chairman.

A motion was made and seconded, to strike out the second resolution, but was lost.

Whereupon, the report and resolutions thereto appended, were, on motion, adopted.

The Special Committee on the subject of a Book Depository, presented the following report, which was received, read, and with the resolutions thereto appended, was adopted.

### REPORT

#### OF THE COMMITTEE ON A BOOK DEPOSITORY.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of establishing a Church Book Store, for sale and distribution, of Books, Tracts, &c., throughout the Diocese, report that they have had the same under consideration.

They have no doubt that such an establishment would be productive of much good to religion and the Church.

The distribution of Bibles, Prayer Books, and of sound Church books, tracts, &c., is among the most efficient means of making the Bible and the Church known among the people. Such an establishment, if faithfully and energetically prosecuted, is a silent but powerful missionary. A proposition has been made to establish a Church Book Store in the Diocese, by Mr. Sam'l H. Sieg, of Philadelphia. They recommend that a committee be appointed to communicate with Mr. Sieg on the subject. They recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the best interests of the Diocese require that a Church Book Store should be established in the Diocese.

*Resolved*, That the members of the Church and others, be and are hereby recommended to patronise, and aid, so far as the purchase of books, &c., and their influence is concerned, such book store, if established.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to correspond with Mr. Sieg, upon the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. YERGER, Chairman.

Under these resolutions the following gentlemen were appointed as a Committee—Messrs. George S. Yerger and James Roach.

The Committee on the University of the South, presented the following report, which was received, and it was ordered

that the Charter of the University should be published as a part of the same:

## REPORT

### OF COMMITTEE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Your Committee, to whom were referred that part of the Bishop's Journal that relates to the projected "University of the South," and the report of the Committee appointed by the last Convention to attend a meeting held on the fourth of July last, on Lookout Mountain, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report—

That the subject is one of grave magnitude and worthy the serious consideration of your body.

As an expression of an opinion on the general subject, your Committee beg to adopt the sentiments of your body as expressed in the report on this subject adopted at your last Convention.

On examination of the documents laid on your table and referred to in the Bishop's Journal, we find that a number of Bishops and delegates, and a large concourse of citizens, met on the fourth day of July last, on Lookout Mountain, in the State of Tennessee, and after celebrating the national festival in a patriotic and christian manner, proceeded to the consideration of this subject.

Your Committee beg leave to refer you to the published proceedings of that meeting for information.

It appears also, from the documents laid before us, that a called meeting of the Bishops and Delegates was held in the city of Montgomery, Ala., on the 23d day of November last, to the published proceedings of which we also beg leave to refer you. In these published proceedings we find nothing in contravention of the declaration of principles laid down in an "Address to the members and friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church," issued from Philadelphia in 1856, and signed by ten Southern Bishops, which was printed in your last Journal.

We also find, from the documents before referred to, that considerable progress has already been made in this great enterprise; and that the most safe and judicious course has been so far pursued, the Trustees of the institution giving great earnest of final success.

We find also, that a most liberal Charter has been granted by the State of Tennessee, in which State a most eligible site for the University has been found; which Charter we submit to your body for consideration, and make a part of this report.

The Bishops of Louisiana and Georgia have been appointed to bring this subject specially before the people, and to solicit their contributions; and we beg to commend them to the favor and support of all the members of our Church. And although it is not contemplated to bind the Diocese in its corporate or organic character to any of the future operations of this enterprise, we suggest to the Convention the propriety of appointing some gentleman, learned

in the law, as counsellor or attorney of the Diocese, whose duty it shall be to guard the interests of our people in this matter, and give his advice to the trustees of the funds that may be raised in this Diocese. And we recommend to the Convention to appoint Trustees according to the provisions of the Charter, to act in this matter in behalf of those of our people who may feel called upon to contribute their means to this enterprise.

In conclusion we beg to submit that in view of the principles laid down, and the proceedings already had, no enterprise ever presented itself to the churchmen of the South West, promising more blessings to our Church and country, than the one your Committee have had under consideration. And we commend it to your favorable support.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WM. O. STOUT, Chairman Committee.

### AN ACT

#### TO ESTABLISH THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

WHEREAS sundry citizens of the States of Tennessee, Arkansas, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, and Florida, contemplate establishing a University, to be located in the State of Tennessee, at a place which shall be conveniently accessible to the citizens of said States, which University is to be under the control of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, subject to such rules, regulations, and restrictions, as are hereinafter set forth.

AND, WHEREAS the security of society, the supremacy of the law, the preservation of liberty, regulated by law, the perpetuity of our institutions, and of the Union—all are at least dependent upon the prevalence of intelligence of the people, and sound moral sense among them.

AND, WHEREAS, it is the interest of the State, and, indeed, of every State, to encourage the erection of Seminaries of learning; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee*, That James H. Otey, David Pise, Francis B. Fogg, John Armfield, Thomas Atkinson, M. Ashley Curtis, Thomas Ruffin, Thomas D. Warren, Thomas F. Davis, Alexander Gregg, J. L. Manning, Wm. Allston Pringle, N. H. Cobb, Henry C. Lay, C. T. Pollard, L. H. Anderson, Wm. M. Green, W. W. Lord, George S. Yerger, Eugene Hinton, Leonidas Polk, W. T. Leacock, George S. Guion, William N. Mercer, J. W. Dunn, E. B. Nichols, J. E. Nicholson, Francis H. Rutledge, G. C. Fairbanks, George Whitfield, J. J. Scott, and such other person or persons as may hereafter be appointed Trustees of said University, in pursuance of the Constitution and By-Laws thereof, be, and they and their successors are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, in fact and in name, by the name of "THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and a common seal;

and shall be capable in law of suing and being sued, and shall have power to purchase, receive by donation, or otherwise, and to possess, hold, alien, and dispose of property of all kinds and descriptions, to be held in fee simple, or otherwise, subject, nevertheless, to such restrictions and conditions as are contained in this Charter.

SECTION 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said Trustees shall have power to assemble at such time and place as may be designated by the President of the Board, for the purpose of organizing said Institution; and of forming a Constitution for the government of said University. A majority of said Trustees shall constitute a quorum for such purpose. Said Trustees shall have power in, and by said Constitution, to designate *how*, by *whom*, and in what way the said University shall be governed; and said Constitution when adopted may be altered or amended in such manner, as may be provided for in said Constitution. Said Board shall keep a minute of their proceedings.

SECTION 3. *Be it further enacted*, That said Board shall meet at least once a year at the University, when the buildings are erected, but they may be called together in extra session in such manner as may be provided for in said Constitution, or by the By-laws of said Institution.

SECTION 4. *Be it further enacted*, That said Trustees shall have power to appoint Committees, all the members of which shall not be required to belong to the Board of Trustees, to perform duties which may be delegated to them by said Trustees.

SECTION 5. *Be it further enacted*, That all subscriptions, donations, devises, or bequests, made upon the faith of the terms, conditions, or stipulations set forth in the Constitution of said University, shall be governed thereby, and the subsequent change or alteration of said Constitution shall not have the effect to alter the terms, conditions, or stipulations of said subscription, donation, bequest, or devise.

SECTION 6. *Be it further enacted*, That said Trustees shall appoint a President, and shall have power from time to time to make By-Laws and Ordinances for the government of said University, not inconsistent with the Constitution thereof, and for the appointment of Professors and other officers, and for regulating the duties and conduct of the Officers, Professors, and Students, fixing the salaries of the Officers, etc., etc.: *Provided*, the same be not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State, or of the United States.

SECTION 7. *Be it further enacted*, That upon the death, resignation, or removal of any of said Trustees, the vacancy occasioned thereby shall be supplied in the manner provided in the Constitution.

SECTION 8. *Be it further enacted*, That said University have full power to establish Literary and Scientific Departments, and those of Law, Theology, and Medical Science, and such other Departments as said University may see proper, and to confer upon Students, or any other person, the Degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, or

any Degree known and used in any College or University, and shall enjoy all other powers and immunities incident to Corporations of this description.

SECTION 9. *Be it further enacted*, That said University shall be established and located at Sewanee, on the Cumberland Mountain, in or near Franklin county, or at any other point that the Board of Trustees may hereafter designate in the State of Tennessee, the site to be selected by said Trustees, or by any such person or persons as they may appoint; which site shall continue until changed by the Trustees according to the provisions of the Constitution.

SECTION 10. *Be it further enacted*, That said University may hold and possess as much land as may be necessary for the buildings, and to such an extent as may be sufficient to protect said Institution, and the students thereof, from the intrusion of evil-minded persons who may settle near said Institution. Said land, however, not to exceed ten thousand acres. One thousand acres of which, including buildings and other effects, and property of said corporation, shall be exempt from taxation so long as said lands belong to said University.

SECTION 11. *Be it further enacted*, That no misnomer or misdescription of said Corporation in any deed, will, gift, devise or other instrument of contract, or conveyance, shall abate or defeat the same, but that the same shall take effect in like manner as if the said Corporation were regularly named: *Provided* it be sufficiently described to ascertain the intention of the parties.

SECTION 12. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act be, and the same is hereby declared to be a Public Act.

SECTION 13. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act take effect from, and after its passage.

DANIEL S. DONELSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN C. BURCH,

Speaker of the Senate.

Passed January 6th, 1858.

I, F. N. W. Burton, Secretary of State, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the original Act on file in my office.

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*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the great seal of the State, this 15th day of January, 1858.*

F. N. W. BURTON,

Secretary of State.

The Rev. Mr. Lord, expressed to the Convention his intention to resign his Trusteeship in the Southern University; whereupon, the Convention, on motion, unanimously recommended the appointment of the Rev. Wm. C. Stout, of this Diocese, as his successor.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons presented the following report, which was received, read and adopted.

## REPORT

### OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons respectfully report to this Convention, that there have been no propositions referred to them to alter or amend said Constitution and Canons, excepting Canon XIII., relating to Conventions, which Canon it is deemed unnecessary to amend, believing that all the objects aimed at for the spiritual benefit of the Parishes of this Diocese and the increase of the funds of our Diocesan Missionary Society, can be fully and effectively accomplished under Canon XIII. and other Canons, as they now exist; and that the entire Constitution and Canons of this Diocese have been so far matured and perfected by the past legislation of this Convention, as in the present circumstances of this Diocese, to need no further alteration or amendment by the present Convention.

Moreover, they respectfully report to this body, that the amendments of Articles III. and IV. of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, proposed at the General Convention of the same, held in the city of Philadelphia, in October, 1856, seem to them important and judicious amendments of the said Articles, and they do accordingly recommend them for approval by this Convention.

G. W. SILL, Chairman.

The proposed amendments are as follows, viz:

Instead of "Article III.", as now in force, the following:

**ARTICLE 3.** Whenever General Conventions are held, the Bishops of this Church shall form a separate House, with the right to originate and propose acts for the concurrence of the House of Deputies, and all acts must pass both Houses.

And instead of "Article VI.", the following:

**ARTICLE 6.** The mode of trying Bishops shall be provided by the General Convention. The Court appointed for that purpose shall be composed of Bishops only. In every Diocese the mode of trying Presbyters and Deacons may be instituted by the Convention of the Diocese, but the General Convention may establish a Court of Appeals for the revision of the decision of Diocesan Courts. None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, suspension, or degradation from the Ministry, on any Clergyman, whether Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon. Such Court of Appeals not to revise the determination of any question of fact.

A vote was then taken upon concurrence in the said proposed amendments, and the same were severally concurred in.

A resolution of thanks was offered to the Congregation of

St. Andrew's Church, and to the citizens of Jackson, for their kindness to the members of the Convention while there, which was unanimously passed, and the Rector and Lay Delegates of that Parish, were requested to make that resolution known to the congregation and citizens.

It was ordered that the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese, be printed with the proceedings of this Convention.

The Convention then, on motion, adjourned until after Divine Service, to-night.

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Divine Service was celebrated at eight o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. Mr. W. W. Lord, Rector of Christ Church, Vicksburg, read the Evening Service, assisted by the Rev. Mr. B. M. Miller, Rector of Christ Church, Church Hill, and the Rev. Mr. Wm. C. Stout, of Marshall county, preached from 2d Chapter, Acts of Apostles, 38th Verse: "Repent, and be baptized."

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After Divine Service, the Convention was again called to order by the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese.

Present as before.

The minutes of the Morning's Session were read and approved.

The following resolution was offered, and unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the unanimous and sincere acknowledgments of this Convention are hereby tendered to our highly esteemed Secretary, Giles M. Hillyer, for the efficient and obliging manner in which he has performed the arduous duties of his office, during the present and past Conventions.

No further business appearing before the Convention, a motion was made and carried, that the Convention adjourn *sine die*, immediately after Divine Service to-morrow night.

And the Convention then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow evening.

Divine Service was celebrated on Sunday morning, April 25th, it being the third Sunday after Easter, as follows :

At seven o'clock, A. M.; the Rev. Mr. E. H. Downing, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood, reading the Morning Service, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Robert B. Croes, of Woodville.

Also, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; the Rev. Mr. Geo. W. Sill, Rector of Trinity Church, Pas Christian, reading the Litany and Suffrages.

The rite of Confirmation was then administered to three candidates, presented by the Rev. Mr. Thos. D. Ozanne, of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

A sermon was then preached by the Rev. Mr. Wm. W. Lord, of Christ Church, Vicksburg, from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, xii. Chapter, 37th verse; "And the common people heard Him gladly."

The admission of Mr. George C. Harris to the Diaconate, followed. He was presented to the Bishop, by the Rev. Mr. Wm. C. Stout.

After which, the Sacrament of the Holy Communion was administered by the Rt. Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. B. M. Miller, Rev. Wm. W. Lord, Rev. Henry Sansom, and the Rev. Geo. W. Sill.

Divine Service was also celebrated at half-past 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. Mr. John Foster of Trinity Church, Yazoo City, read the Evening Service, and the Rev. Mr. Geo. W. Sill, of Trinity Church, Pas Christian, preached.\*

Divine Service was also celebrated at 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. Mr. George C. Harris, read prayers, assisted by the Rev. Mr. T. F. Davis, Jr., of the Diocese of South Carolina, and the Rev. Mr. Benj. M. Miller, of Christ Church, Church Hill, preached.\*

A collection was then taken up in aid of the funds of the Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi.

\*The Secretary greatly regrets that his memorandum of the texts of these discourses, have been mislaid.



The Convention came to order at 10 o'clock, P. M., at the call of the Bishop of the Diocese.

Whereupon, the Rt. Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, after a brief address, prayers, and the Apostolic Benediction, declared the Thirty-second Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Mississippi, adjourned *sine die*.

GILES M. HILLYER, SECRETARY.

# APPENDIX.

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## JOURNAL AND ADDRESS,

OF

RT. REV. WM. M. GREEN.

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We meet once more, Beloved Brethren, to record the doings of another year, and to take counsel together for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom within our bounds. Before we enter upon our deliberations, let us lift up our hearts in fervent gratitude to Him, whose sparing mercy grants us this continuance of life and health with all our spiritual blessings.

Whilst this thank-offering may well become each one now present, it seems especially due from him who now addresses you, inasmuch as disease has again and again within the past year threatened to bring him at once to the grave. It is therefore with the liveliest feelings of gratitude to Almighty God, and under an humbling sense of His unmerited goodness, that I again, with comparatively renewed health, unite with you in the work which calls us together. That work is God's; for the end of all our aims and pains is to set up His kingdom in the hearts of men. And how great, Brethren, is the honor of thus being permitted to labor for such a Master; one so ready to bear with our infirmities, to overlook our short-comings, to cheer our despondency, to help us with His own right arm, and at last, reward us far, far beyond our deserts. To Him, then be all the praise and honor of what we are, and what we are enabled to do for the furtherance of His cause.

I now invite your attention to the record of my official acts during the past year.

*Sunday, April 26, 1857*—During the sitting of our last Convention in Grace Church, Canton, I admitted Calvin McGuffie, late minister of the Methodist denomination, to Deacon's Orders. The

candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Sansom : and the sermon, at my request, was preached by the Rev. Mr. Lord. The Holy Communion was administered to a large number. In the evening, seven were confirmed.

*April 30*—Received the Letters Dimissory of Rev. A. Christmas, from Pennsylvania.

*Sunday, May 3*—Owing to the falling rain, as well as to my continued indisposition, I spent the day in rest and quietness at home.

*Sunday, May 10*—Preached in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

*Sunday, May 17*—Attended Divine Service, in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

*Sunday, May 24*—Spent the day in Canton, but was too unwell to preach.

*May 28*—Transferred Rev. R. H. Weller, to Diocese of Missouri.

*May 29*—Performed the rites of burial at the Chapel of the Cross, over the body of a lovely child of Rev. Mr. Sansom.

*Sunday, May 31*—Attended Divine Service in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, and consecrated the Holy Communion.

The month of June was spent in accordance with the unanimous request of the Convention, in attempting by travel and by cessation from labor, to re-establish my health. For this purpose, I made a short visit to New York, taking with me one of my sons, whose case required the best medical aid. After remaining there scarcely long enough to rest from the fatigues of my journey, I felt it my duty to turn my face homeward, with a view of meeting with the Trustees of our contemplated University, who had been summoned to convene at Chattanooga, on the 4th day of July. Of our proceedings on that occasion I need not here enter into detail, as you will find them fully published in a pamphlet, which I herewith lay before you. I cannot, however, refrain from adverting to the heartiness and unanimity which characterized our deliberations, and to the many "tokens for good," that seemed to open upon our path. No one present, whether Clergyman or Lay, appeared to doubt the full success of our undertaking. All were compelled to acknowledge that it not only aimed to promote the best interests of the Church, and of our country, but that its fundamental principles, and incipient measures, were dictated by true wisdom, and well calculated to avoid the rocks and shoals on which so many enterprises of like kind had been wrecked. During our meeting, an Address was delivered at the request of the Trustees by our President, the Right Reverend, the Bishop of Tennessee. Of that production let me be allowed to say that it was every way worthy of the occasion, and will ever remain as an honest, fearless and just exposition of the ground, on which this great work has been begun, and will, through time, be carried on to full completion. Before our adjournment, we agreed to meet again in Montgomery, Alabama, on the 25th of November.

During my short stay in New York, at the request of the Rev. Isaac Pardee, I gave him (June 18) Letters Dimissory to that Diocese.

On my return home (July 18th) I preached once in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, and once at Cooper's Well, (August 2.)

On the 7th August, I set out on my visitation to the Gulf Coast. The next day I reached Osyka, in Pike county, where I spent Saturday and Sunday, the 8th and 9th. There are in this place and neighborhood, some five or six communicants of our Church, animated by an earnest desire to do what they can, towards relieving their spiritual wants. On Sunday, I preached twice, to a respectable congregation, and baptized *one* colored adult, and *two* colored children. A few ladies have resolved, with God's help, to do all in their power towards providing themselves with the ministrations of the Church. I cheerfully promised them my help.

*Wednesday 12*—I preached in Shieldsborough, to a congregation quite large for the size of the place, or rather for the proportion of Protestants to be found in it. The next day I preached to a large number and baptized *one* infant. I was on this occasion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Savage. At the close of the services, I addressed the people on the importance of doing what they could for their spiritual interests without delay. A subscription was accordingly made up on the spot, with the view of obtaining a Clergyman's services, for either one or two Sundays in the month. This, together with a small sum promised them from our Diocesan Missionary Society, was sufficient for the purpose.

*Thursday, 13*—I reached Pass Christian in the evening, but was compelled by ill-health, to keep the house nearly the whole of the next day. On *Sunday, 16th*, I preached, confirmed *two* persons, and administered the Holy Communion, being assisted in the services by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Sill, and by Rev. Dr. Savage. I was gratified to find that the increase or growth of the Congregation had called for a considerable enlargement of their Church edifice, and that the work was near its completion. And I was very thankful to witness also, the truly prosperous condition of the Rev. Dr. Savage's school. This Institution, which has now been ten years in existence, has advanced with steady progress in the favor of a judicious public, and has, from time to time, added to its many advantages and facilities for imparting a sound and accomplished education. It may now justly claim equality, at least, with any similar institution in our land. To the members of our Church, no better opportunity could be offered for training their daughters for this world, or the next, and for keeping them from the contaminating influences of the world, than is to be found in this safe and healthy retreat, under the watchful care and affectionate treatment of Dr. Savage and his estimable lady. The Rev. Mr. Sill, though suffering from feeble health, has been but seldom compelled to suspend his ministrations; and has fully won the love and esteem of all around him.

*Tuesday evening, 18*—Reached Mississippi City in company with Rev. Dr. Savage. Next day was spent in visiting the residents along the coast, and looking up those who were either friends or

members of the Church. In the evening Dr. Savage left me, having to return home and prepare for spending the next Lord's Day at Shieldsboro'.

*Thursday, 20*—Preached in the Court House, to a congregation rendered small by a very heavy fall of rain, just as we were assembling together. After service, I addressed the few present on the propriety of uniting their forces, and seeing what could be done toward obtaining the ministrations of the Church. The next day I preached to a large congregation at Handsborough, and made a like appeal to them. The result, I have no doubt, will be the obtaining of a sufficient amount for securing the services which they need. I was no little gratified at finding here, as well as at Shieldsboro', more of Church material than I had looked for. An earnest desire is expressed at both places, that Rev. Dr. Savage, having now no Parochial charge, shall give them as much of his time and service as he can spare from his arduous school duties. After the close of the service on Friday, I baptized *one* adult, and *one* infant, and at night baptized *two* infants.

*Saturday, 22*—I reached Biloxi before breakfast. After visiting some four or five families, I was compelled by threatening symptoms to seek my bed. A few hours of rest and quietness seemed to renew my strength; but early next morning, I was attacked so suddenly and violently, as for a time to place my life in danger. My appointments for the day were, of course, disappointments. A large concourse of people filled the Church. A number of candidates for confirmation awaited the "Apostolic laying on of hands." Although prevented from officiating in any way on that day, I was enabled to meet the candidates the next morning, receive their vows of a holy life, and give them (*fifteen* in number,) the benediction of God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. And here it becomes me to mention that the number thus confirmed, when taken in connexion with twenty-two others who offered themselves in like manner last year, speaks well for the zealous and laborious exertions of their Pastor.

It was a matter of deep regret to me, that my illness prevented me not only from visiting all the families of the Parish as usual, but also compelled me to recall my appointments for Ocean Springs and Pascagoula, and turn my face homeward.

I rejoice however to say that never since my first visit to this region, seven years ago, have I seen so favorable an opening for the Church. A little more self-reliance and unity of action among the several congregations, and an increased determination to sacrifice something to the cause of Christ, is all that is necessary, in conjunction with the labors of a faithful missionary, to ensure success and to give a firm footing to the ministrations of the Church along this coast—a coast, destined, I think, in a few years to be thoroughly lined with the residences of a liberal and enlightened population.

*Friday, 28*—Reached home in safety.

*Sunday, 30*—At the request of the Rector, I preached in St. Andrew's Church.

*Sunday, Sept. 6th*—I assisted the Rev. Mr. Ozanne, in the administration of the Holy Communion in the morning, and preached at night.

*September 8*—I transferred the Rev. A. B. Peabody to the Diocese of Wisconsin.

*Sunday, 18*—Preached in the forenoon for the Rector of St. Andrew's, and baptized *three* infants.

*Thursday, 17*—I preached at the house of Mr. Wm. Hester, near Newtown, Hinds county. This was, I believe, the first occasion on which the services of the Church had been witnessed in this neighborhood. A highly respectable and intelligent congregation attended, and seemed no little interested in our mode of worship. There are in this region, several earnest and ardent friends of the Church; and I have some hope of seeing ere long a Church building erected by their efforts on some convenient point along the Railroad. A very eligible lot has been offered for the purpose at Terrell's Depot, by Mr. Robert Cunningham.

*Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 18th, 19th and 20th*, were spent in Monticello. During my stay I preached three times, and administered Confirmation to *three* persons. Since my last visit, two years previous, this little flock had given cheering signs of increase. They had obtained the services of the Rev. Mr. Greene, and had assumed the form and consistency of a well-ordered Parish. Both the inception and subsequent growth of this little Church, present an encouraging example of what may be done to that end, by the exertions of one active layman.

*Sunday, 27*—Preached in Clinton. The Rev. Mr. Elwell, continues to devote one-half of his Sunday labors to the instruction of this people.

*October 2*—I set out on my Northern and Eastern visitation.

My first appointment was for Duck Hill. I did not, however, preach at that place, owing to a prevailing sickness in the surrounding country, which confined almost every family to its home.

In the afternoon of the 4th, I passed on to Grenada, twelve miles distant, and preached that night in the Presbyterian Church. I remained here throughout the two following days; but was prevented by continued rain, from visiting as much as I desired. The Church needs only a good start in this place to draw many friends around her.

*Oct. 6*—I preached at Brookes' Chapel, to a small congregation. The only hope for the few friends of the Church in this neighborhood, is to unite their efforts with those in Grenada, which is only seven or eight miles distant.

*Oct. 7*—I officiated at night in Coffeerville. The congregation was of a goodly number, and very attentive.

*Friday the 9th*, and the two following days, were given to Ox-

ford. I preached on the 10th in the evening; in the forenoon of Sunday the 11th, I again preached, and administered the Holy Communion. On Monday, I visited the several families of the congregation. These, though not many in number, are intelligent, influential and possessed of abundant means to supply themselves with every needed ministration of the Gospel. I was rejoiced to receive the assurance that the Church building which they so much need, and which has for two or three years been talked of, will be commenced with the opening of the coming Spring.

In Holly Springs, I spent the four following days, preaching three times, baptizing *two* children, and confirming *one* person. I was grieved to find that their Minister, the Rev. Aaron Christman, who had been in charge of the Parish but a few months, had just felt compelled to leave them on account of ill-health. His departure seemed to be universally regretted, his faithfulness and prudence and zeal, having commended him very generally to the people. On the 17th I sent him Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. I was thankful to perceive in this Parish, more than usual signs of energy and zeal. A spacious and beautiful Church edifice is fast approaching completion.

God grant that it may soon resound with the mingled voices of a faithful Pastor and a devout people.

I can hardly express in terms of sufficient force the disappointment and mortification which I felt on visiting St. Thomas' Hall, to find it a scene of ruin and desolation. It is but two years, since a considerable sum of money was laid out in its repairs. It is now little better than a wreck, and will require a much larger amount to fit it again for the purposes for which its founders designed it. It is hoped that those whose neglect has led to this deecration of one of our Diocesan Institutions, will, ere long, repair the evil, and restore it to order, and beauty, and usefulness.

At St. John's, Early Grove, I spent the 15th and 16th; preached twice, baptized *two* adults, and confirmed *ten*. This zealous little Parish continues in a healthy state, but I feel assured that its prosperity and growth would be much more promoted by having a resident and settled Pastor. At great labor and sacrifice, they have, since my last visit, erected a large and well finished brick building for an Academy for boys; a worthy gentleman is in charge of the school, and I trust that on my next visit, I shall find in successful operation, a school worthy to claim the fostering care of our Convention, and to be ranked among the sound and wholesome nurseries of the Church. The Rev. Mr. Rogers, being prevented by an unexpected call, from assisting me on this occasion, I called into requisition the services of Mr. Geo. C. Harris, one of our Candidates for Orders.

Oct. 18—I visited St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County, preaching, administering the Holy Communion, and confirming *one* person. I was assisted in the prayers, by the Rev. Mr. Fagg. This Parish, I regret to say, has suffered much, by the removal of several of its

families; and at present, does not promise any immediate increase. (I am pained to add, that since this visit, the Parish has sustained a sore and serious bereavement in the sudden death of Col. Charles R. Thomas, who was not only one of its earliest founders, and constant and liberal supporters, but who, also, by a manly and consistent piety, adorned the doctrine which he professed. The sympathies of the whole Diocese are due to the family, and parish, of such a man. And I trust that they will, before we separate, find a just expression from this Diocesan Assembly, of which, for several years, Col. Thomas was an active and efficient member.)

*October 21*—I visited, for the first time, the young and rapidly growing town of Corinth, in Tishomingo county, at the crossing of the Memphis and Charleston, and Mobile and Ohio Railroads. I was surprised to find in a place not yet two years old, an active and thriving population of more than fifteen hundred inhabitants. There are three communicants in the place, besides several friends ready to help in securing the ministrations of the Church. A very eligible lot for a Church building was offered to me by a liberal friend, together with the promise that efforts would in time be made to erect a suitable place for our worship. In return, I engaged to pay them a yearly visit, and to do all in my power towards supplying them with missionary services. I preached on the night of the 22d, in the Methodist Church, to a large and attentive congregation.

After a ride of two days in the rain, I reached Pontotoc, 70 miles distant, on the 24th, preached twice the next day, and baptized one infant. This Parish has been greatly depressed, but not disheartened, by its late destitution of Pastoral services. A becoming house of worship is much needed; that now used for the purpose being held in joint ownership with one of the denominations of the place. As the Parish is not as much blessed as some others with worldly wealth, it is hoped that when they have done all they can for themselves, their cry for help will not be unheeded by their more favored brethren throughout the Diocese.

I reached Okolona on the 27th, and found that no notice had been received of my coming. I made an appointment for the following day, but was prevented from meeting it by an unexpected return of my disease. This Parish, like that of Pontotoc, has been without a Minister since the removal of Rev. Mr. Lawson to Aberdeen. I am pleased however, to state that since my visit in October, both these little flocks have come under the pastoral care of Rev. James D. Gibson, late of the Diocese of South Carolina; and that they are already profiting by his zealous labors. The building erected by the Rev. Mr. Lawson for a Female Seminary, is at present unoccupied. A more suitable place for a Church School for girls, could not well be found in the eastern portion of our State. Okolona will be a place of some importance when the "Mobile and Ohio Railroad," which passes through it, and to which it is a central station, shall be completed. The surrounding country is very fertile, and is settled by a population of growing wealth and intelligence.



*October 31*—I was this day to have preached at Pikeville, eight miles from Okolona; but was again prevented by continued indisposition. The Rev. Mr. Lawson, who met me here, officiated in my stead.

*November 1st to the 5th*—These days were spent in Aberdeen. Besides preaching, and administering the Holy Communion, in conjunction with the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Lawson, I baptized *three* adults, and *two* children, and confirmed *one* person. This Parish, I trust, is about to overcome the various obstacles that have for a few years past, stood in the way of its advancement. It might well look for a speedy state of prosperity, if their Rector were not compelled to devote the far greater portion of his time to his school.

In Columbus I spent the four days between the 7th and 10th, inclusive; but was prevented, by ill health and unfavorable weather, from performing more than half of my usual amount of labor in preaching and visiting from house to house. I preached but twice, baptized *one* adult and *two* infants, and confirmed *two* persons. In one respect this Parish may be said to be in an improving condition, viz: in hoping very soon to be in the use of their new and very beautiful Church, which is near its completion. But on the other hand, I was grieved to think that they had suffered two whole years to pass away without taking due measures to obtain a Pastor. They however promised me that they would soon invite a suitable Clergyman to take them in charge. The house which they are erecting for God is every way suited to His worship; and would, in point of architectural style, proportion and finish, do credit to any of our largest cities.

*November 11*—I reached Macon, and remained three days. On the evening of the 11th, I preached to a very attentive congregation, and again on the 12th; and during the next day I baptized *three* children. I was no little disappointed at finding that no active measures had been taken since my last visit towards procuring the services of a Clergyman. But they again renewed their promise of doing what they can to that end.

*November 15*—I preached at the Church of the Messiah, and confirmed *one* person. I feel much for the Pastorless condition of this little flock, and would gladly do any thing in my power to supply their need, because I know them to be both prompt and liberal in doing what they can towards helping themselves.

My next appointments were at Dekalb, Marion, Lauderdale Springs and Quitman; but I felt constrained from a sense of duty to recall them, feeling assured that my state of health would not justify me in any further labor at that time. I sent them the promise, however, of visiting them in June or July, if my health should by that time be sufficiently restored.

I proceeded thereupon without delay to Montgomery, in order to attend the adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees, of our proposed University. Inasmuch as the proceedings of our Board on

that occasion have been published and widely circulated, (a copy of which I herewith lay upon your table,) I will simply state that, as at our former meeting, so at this, all our deliberations were conducted in perfect harmony, and our measures taken with an almost perfect unanimity. The site chosen for our institution is, I doubt not, the best that we could have selected, presenting as it does every facility for our purpose, that could well be found united in any one locality. The assurances of aid there given us on several hands, were sufficient to make us feel at once that God is already inclining the hearts of our people to the work. The munificent offer alone of Col. John Armfield, of Tenn., (\$25,000 per annum, during his life,) not to mention here two or three others of like liberality, is of itself sufficient to create and endow a Collegiate Institution of no ordinary character. And I am thankful to add that the Legislature of Tennessee has generously and ungrudgingly granted us as liberal a charter as we would well have desired. It is expected that our Chancellor, the Bishop of Tennessee, will shortly call another meeting of the Board in order to accept the Charter, and set on foot measures for obtaining subscriptions and otherwise inaugurating our enterprise.

After a hurried trip to New York, in order to bring home my son, whose term of medical treatment had expired, I reached my family on Christmas morning, thankful to find all well, after a separation of nearly three months. The three or four weeks following were so unfavorable for travel, that I gladly availed myself of them as a season of rest, only preaching occasionally, and otherwise assisting in the services of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

*Sunday, January 17*—I preached in Grace Church, Canton, at the request of the Rector. On Sunday, the 24th, I preached in the neighborhood of Major Vaughn's in Yazoo county, and the next day baptized *one* infant in the neighborhood of Canton.

*January 27th*—I united a couple in matrimony in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

*Sunday, Feb. 7th*—I preached at Brandon, both morning and evening, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Elwell, their Rector. I was gratified at finding this little flock at last in the care of a resident, as well as faithful Pastor.

*Sunday, Feb. 14*—This day I was, by appointment, to have spent at Mount Albon, but was prevented by an injury to the Railroad, which put a stop to all travelling on that route, for several days.

*Monday, Feb. 15*—Set out on my Southern visitation. My first appointment was at Diamond Place, where I preached on the 16th, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed *three* of the servants of the place.

The next day I preached at the adjoining plantation of Mrs. Freeland, baptized her infant child, and confirmed *eleven* of her servants. The Rev. Mr. Damas has, for some months, been diligently engaged in instructing these slaves; and from all that I witnessed that day, I am convinced that his labors have been not only rightly directed,

but favorably received, and truly blessed. Mrs. Freeland, with a becoming concern for the spiritual welfare of her dependants, is about to erect a suitable building for the express purpose of affording to them all the advantages of a preached Gospel, and a common prayer. At both these places I was assisted in my labors by the Rev. Mr. Damus.

*Thursday, 18*—I officiated at the Hurricane place, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Damus. The work of instructing the blacks at this place, and of bringing them into the pale of the Church, has been much impeded for the last year or two, by the counter efforts of two or three colored preachers, whose presumptuous, and even profane teachings, their fellow servants receive with a superstitious reverence and fear.

*Saturday and Sunday, the 20th, and 21st,* were spent in Grand Gulf. I preached on Saturday, at 7 P. M., and twice on Sunday; and baptized four children. This little flock is still without a pastor. Nor do I see any prospects of their soon having one, unless the friends of the Church at Port Gibson, can be prevailed on to unite with them for the purpose.

*Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23d and 24th,* were passed in Epiphany Parish.

On the 24th, I preached in the Church to a small number, and at the close of the services addressed the Vestry and congregation on the condition of the Parish, and the propriety of doing at once what they could towards obtaining a Pastor. A meeting of the Vestry was immediately held, and such prompt measures were entered on, as very soon thereafter led to the request that I would send them a Minister, and the assurance that he should be adequately supported.

*Thursday, 25*—I preached at Port Gibson in the evening, after visiting several families during the day. I also baptized one infant in the place, and two colored children, the next morning, at the house of Dr. Thos. B. McGruder, a few miles distant.

The 27th, 28th, and 29th, were given to Christ Church Parish. On Sunday, the 28th, I was enabled to preach and administer the Holy Communion, aided by the Rev. Mr. Miller; but I was prevented by two violent and sudden returns of my disease, from going through with my usual round of visiting the several families of the congregation. On approaching the site of the old Church, I was pleased to find in its stead, a structure not only more commodious and Church-like, but most tasteful in style, and becoming in all its adornments. Much disappointment was felt at its not being then ready for consecration, as had been promised by the contractors. It is now expected that the work will be completed in May. Since the pulling down of the old Church, the congregation has experienced great inconvenience in being compelled to assemble at such places in the neighborhood, as they could occasionally obtain. For some time past the Rectory has been made the place of their assembling together.

*March 2*—I preached at Washington, in the afternoon, to a larger number than I had expected to meet. The friends of the Church in this place have, for the last two years nearly, despaired of building up an independent and self-sustaining parish. There appears however, at this moment, some better prospect of attaining their wishes. The Rev. Mr. Miller, who has occasionally officiated for them, kindly offers to aid in the resuscitation of the Parish.

From the 3d to the 7th, inclusive, was spent in Trinity Parish, Natchez. I was enabled, however, to perform but little labor, owing to the feeble state of my health. Besides visiting a few families, I assisted in the public services on two occasions; in administering the Holy Communion on Sunday, and confirming *eight* persons. This large Parish, which has for nearly two years been without a settled Pastor, is about to be favored with the services of the Rev. Dr. Perry, of the Diocese of Ohio. The time which he has already spent among them, though short, has been long enough to give good hope that his future labors will not be without profit. Since my last visit, this venerable Church edifice has been thoroughly repaired and painted.

*On Tuesday, the 9th*, I preached at the house of Mrs. Griffith, eight miles from Natchez. And seldom, if ever, have I witnessed a more gratifying sight than that which presented itself that day. The mistress and head of this household had, for a long time, been faithfully instructing her servants, and training them for admission into the Church; and this was the first fit opportunity which had offered for the purpose. Upon examining them I found that not only the candidates for confirmation would answer intelligently such questions as I felt it my duty to put to them, but that old and young were as ready with their answers to the whole of the Church Catechism, as any class of white children would be with all the advantages of home and Sunday School training. After addressing the candidates on the solemn and responsible nature of that which they were about to do, I baptized *eighteen* adults, and confirmed *nineteen*. The Rev. Dr. Perry, then, at my request, administered baptism to *twenty-three* of the little ones. I take pleasure in adding that the sponsors for each and all of these servants, were their kind and faithful mistress, and her young son and daughter.

*Wednesday, the 10th*, I was to have officiated at St. Mary's Chapel, Laurel Hill; but my appointment, though sent in due time, failed to reach its destination. This was no little disappointment, both to myself and to some of the neighbors, who had heard through other sources, of my intention to be there on that day.

After calling to see several friends of the Church on the way-side, I reached Woodville, on the evening of the 10th, and spent nearly four days in that Parish. I regret to state that I found it in a very depressed and disheartened condition. A renewed effort, however, was made at my request, to take measures for obtaining another Pastor; and I was thankful to have it in my power to lay before the Vestry, the

names of several Clergymen, of suitable qualifications. I was enabled to preach on Sunday, to administer confirmation to *one* person, and to baptize *two* children.

My next appointment being for Yazoo City, one hundred and fifty miles distant, I was compelled to leave Woodville on Sunday afternoon, in order to reach Natchez, next morning, in due time for a boat. I failed, however, in making the connexion, and did not reach Yazoo City until Friday morning, the 19th. On that day, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Foster, I rode seven miles, to the plantation of Mr. James D. Stewart, and preached to the servants on the place. After the sermon, I baptized *five* of their number, and confirmed *sixteen*. These slaves have received some instruction from the Rev. Mr. Scott, and besides being recommended by him, were very favorably spoken of by their overseer, as not only being faithful in the performance of their daily labor, but as evincing of late, a more than usual desire to learn and perform their duty to their Master in Heaven. Their devout and earnest attention throughout all the services was truly interesting.

After getting through with our labors at this place, we rode over to Mr. Geo. S. Yerger's plantation, five miles distant. Owing to some misunderstanding of the appointment, we found no preparation made for our coming. Through the kindness and promptness of the Manager, however, those servants who were candidates for confirmation were soon got together. After using a selection from our appointed Evening Service, and making a few appropriate remarks, I confirmed *five*—one of them supposed to be on his dying bed. It was our intention to administer the Holy Communion also, but the lateness of the hour forbade it, as we were compelled to get out of the swamp before the departure of the day. It was, notwithstanding, nearly 10 o'clock at night, before we reached Yazoo City.

Saturday, was spent in visiting the congregation, and at 7 P. M., I preached, being assisted by Messrs. Foster and Scott, in the services. On Sunday, the 21st, I preached both forenoon and afternoon, and confirmed *five* persons. From all that I could see, I trust that this parish is in a growing condition. Their Church building, though of comparatively recent construction, is beginning to show such signs of decay, as will soon require it to be supplanted by one of more durable materials. The ladies, with their usual love of well-doing, have already begun to labor to that end.

On Monday, I passed down the river to St. John's Church, Annadale, to the residence of Col. Ewing. The next day, the 23d, I preached to the servants of the place, baptized *one* adult and *two* infants, and confirmed *two* of their number. They were, as usual, very attentive, and appeared to listen to the Word with honest hearts. Oh, why is it that so many opportunities are lost by our Clergy, of preaching to this class of hearers! None assuredly, receive our teachings with more readiness or thankfulness; and in the hearts of none others, are there fewer prejudices to be overcome. It is true

that they are very ignorant, and require that the first principles of the Gospel should be again and again impressed upon them; but we know that the "entrance of God's Word, can give light to minds even darker and more unfurnished than theirs." Let this be our encouragement in this good work, my Clerical brethren. And may none of us be found to have neglected these "little ones" of the human family. There were very few whites in attendance besides the family of Colonel Ewing. Others, at a distance, were kept away by the inclemency of the weather. For want of a boat, I was detained here, a day beyond my time in getting down the river.

*Thursday, the 25th*—I set off from Vicksburg to my next appointment, three hundred miles distant, in Coahoma county, where I spent Saturday and Sunday, the 27th and 28th. On Sunday, I preached in the building which has been erected for the double purpose of a school-room, and place of worship. The congregation was small, but attentive, and apparently interested. I was assisted by the Rev. Wm. G. H. Jones, who, from ill-health, will give it up at the end of the year. One person, a daughter of the Rector, was confirmed. This Parish is of recent formation; and has had, as usual, much to contend with. Its continuance and growth must depend necessarily upon the heartiness and unanimity with which it is taken up by the neighborhood generally. The country around the Church is of the most productive kind, and is rapidly drawing settlers into it. Before leaving the neighborhood, I baptized at the house of Gen. Grant, *thirteen* of the children of his servants. In this instance, as in that just mentioned, the master and mistress were the principal sponsors.

By taking a boat between one and two o'clock on Monday morning, I was enabled to reach my next appointment, in Hernando, on Wednesday, the 31st. On that day, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Matthews and Stout, I preached and administered the rite of Confirmation to seven persons. After many years of patient labor and waiting, the Rector of this little flock seems about to reap his present reward, in seeing the work of the Lord prospering in his hands.

Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Stout, I passed on the next day, April 1st, to Sledgeville, in Panola county, and on the following forenoon I preached in the Methodist Church, near that place, and baptized one infant. The congregation though not large, was apparently much interested in our services. The few friends of the Church in this neighborhood would soon increase in numbers under the instruction of a zealous and judicious Missionary.

*Saturday and Sunday, the 3d and 4th* of April, were spent in the town of Panola. On the evening of the 3d, Mr. Stout preached to a large congregation. The following day being Easter Sunday, services were held in the forenoon and evening; on both occasions I preached, assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Stout. In the afternoon, I baptized at the house of Mr. Jas. C. Armstrong, his infant daughter. I trust that the strong desire of this little flock

will soon be gratified, by the presence of a Minister ; they have offered to contribute liberally, towards the support of one. And I encouraged them with the promise of soon sending them a Missionary.

Here I parted from the Rev. Mr. Stout, who had kindly accompanied and assisted me, during the last six days.

Passing over to Charleston, (Tallahatchie Co.,) on the 5th, I preached that evening, and the next day at 11, in the Methodist place of worship. There are but few friends of the Church in this place. A general desire, however, is manifested for the occasional services of our Ministry ; and assurance was given that a reasonable proportion of a Missionary's salary might be expected from them.

On Wednesday evening I left Charleston, for my next appointment at Shongalo, nearly seventy miles distant. Here I was met, and assisted by the Rev. Mr. Halsted. Although the Congregation contained but few of our Church members, the responses were well made, and created some apparent interest. A larger number of persons would have been in attendance, had it not been for the rain-storm, which had been threatening all the morning, and which came on with great violence, before the conclusion of our services. This was the first time that I had ever preached in this place. The neighborhood was not, however, a stranger to our mode of worship, the Rev. Mr. Peabody having several times officiated here, during his missionary labors in Carroll county.

I passed that evening down to the vicinity of Wheeling, twelve miles distant, and preached next day to a small congregation in the Methodist Church. A very worthy family from Virginia, has settled near this place ; and with a becoming zeal, they not only greatly desire the ordinances of the Church for the benefit of themselves and neighbors, but are willing to give liberally of what they have, towards erecting a place of worship, and obtaining a portion of a Missionary's services. The Rev. Mr. Halsted has, for some time, been giving them one Sunday in each month, and feels encouraged to hope that his labors will not be in vain.

On Saturday, April 10, I reached Calvary Parish in company with the Rector, Rev. Mr. Halsted, and preached next day at 11 o'clock, to a very attentive, though small congregation. Many were kept away by the threatening aspect of the weather. After a recess of an hour or two, the congregation again assembled for service. I preached to them a second time, thankful for the strength vouchsafed to me for the occasion. Mr. Halsted took part in leading the worship, and also baptized *four* children. I was gratified at learning that the congregation had lately added considerably to the land or glebe attached to the Rectory. In this, they were assisted no little by the Sewing Society of the Parish, of whose labors I have before had occasion to speak.

Reaching Canton on the morning of the 13th, I preached that night, and confirmed *four* persons. The next morning I was to have

officiated at the Chapel of the Cross, but upon the representations and suggestions of the Rector, I was induced to postpone my visitation to some future time, when I could, conveniently, give them a Sunday, instead of a week-day.

Saturday, 17th was spent at Mt. Albon, where I was met and assisted in the services of the occasion by the Rev. Messrs. Fox and Sansom. These services were of more than usual interest, inasmuch as they were witnessed and enjoyed by a large congregation, and terminated in the administration of the Apostolic "Laying on of hands" to *eighteen* persons. I have before spoken of this place and neighborhood, as presenting a promising field for the Church's labors. And more than two years ago, measures were entered upon to erect a place of worship. The design, however, if not abandoned, was suffered to sleep, until the Rev. Mr. Sansom, by some well-timed visits, and with a true missionary zeal, aroused them to feel for their spiritual needs, and their ability to provide for them. For some time he was, by the indulgence of his regular parishes, enabled to officiate for them once a month. This was soon followed by a request for a double amount of services, and by a determination to commence at once, the erection of a becoming house of worship. The place now used for their assembling themselves together, is the Baptist Church, which has been kindly tendered for that purpose. A Parish has been duly organized, and its representatives are present to ask admission for it into our Diocesan Union.

Sunday, 18th, I officiated in Christ Church, Vicksburg, at 11 A. M., and confirmed *sixteen*. Among these I was much gratified to see several heads of families, both male and female. May Christ abundantly bless them for thus confessing Him before the world; and may their good example not be lost on others around them, who have equal inducements and obligations to go and do likewise. It is no little gratification to me to witness from year to year, the steady and healthy growth of this parish, notwithstanding the losses which it has sustained by the removal of a number of its families.

I was assisted in the services of the morning, by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Lord, by the Rev. Mr. Matthews, and the Rev. Mr. Douglas, of the Diocese of Louisiana. The Congregation was unusually large, being more than the house could accommodate.

Thus closes the account of my last years' labors—a year of no little trial, on account of my uncertain and feeble health. To this cause, I trust, and to no unwillingness to labor, may be imputed the little that has been done for God. I cannot be sufficiently thankful for the improvement in my health, which I have experienced within the last few weeks. Pray for me brethren, that my days and years, as they draw nearer to their close, may be filled more and more with the spirit of a holy zeal, and my labors be more exclusively given to Christ and his Church.



I have baptized within our Conventional year :

White—Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Colored—Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78
Confirmed—White,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	103
Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	159

Three new parishes have been organized since our last Convention, viz : the Church of the Nativity, at Mount Albion, Warren county, St. Mark, Mississippi City, and St. Luke, Shilohborough.

No new names, I am sorry to say, have been added to our list of Candidates for Orders ; whilst one, that of Mr. Wm. Clark, has been withdrawn. The present number is but three, viz : Messrs. Geo. Stewart, and Mr. Leander Weller, now at Nashotah, and Mr. Geo. C. Harris, who has been pursuing his studies under the direction of Rev. Mr. Rogers.

Although no Church building has been consecrated by me within the last year, it is gratifying to me to state, that four or more, will soon call for that office at my hands.

One of our Candidates for Orders, Mr. Calvin McGuffie, has been admitted to the Diaconate.

The following Clergy have removed into the Diocese since the last Convention : Rev. Aaron Christman, from Pennsylvania ; Rev. Wm. G. H. Jones, from Kentucky, Rev. Charles W. Whitall, from Louisiana ; Rev. James D. Gibson, from South Carolina ; Rev. Gideon B. Perry, D. D., from Ohio, and the Rev. Benj. R. Smyser, from Pennsylvania.

Messrs. Perry, and Gibson, and Smyser, have not yet presented their Letters of Transfer, but expect soon to do so.

The following have, within the same period, left the Diocese : Rev. Isaac Pardee and Rev. James Philson, for the Diocese of New York ; Rev. Thos. S. W. Mott, for North Carolina ; Rev. R. H. Weller, for Missouri ; and Rev. Aaron Christman, for Pennsylvania.

Of those whose names appeared on our last Clerical list, two have passed away from human view, viz : the Rev. Isaac Pardee, and the Rev. Chas. A. Disbrow. Of the former, all who knew him will ever cherish the remembrance, as of one who was an humble and consistent Christian, as well as an honest and faithful Pastor. His name is as precious ointment to his late flock in Woodville. Of the latter, I would fain say nothing, if regard to duty did not compel me to state that after long and unavoidable delay, I was on the eve of bringing him to trial, when I learned that he had been summoned before a higher and more awful tribunal.

The whole number of Clergy now laboring within our bounds is

thirty. Some of these, however, have as yet, no canonical residence in the Diocese.

The following changes have taken place in the circumstances and relations of others of our Clergy:

The Rev. F. W. Boyd, has gone to California. Rev. Mr. Elwell, having resigned his charge of Raymond, has removed to Brandon, and taken the Church in that place, together with St. Matthew's, Clinton. He has, also, under his instruction, a school for girls. Rev. Mr. Lawson, has removed from Okolona to Aberdeen, and taken a school, together with the rectorship of the church in that place. Rev. Mr. Ozanne, after a year of faithful labor in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, resigned the charge of the parish, and now confines his attention to his school and his duties at the Penitentiary. At the request of the vestry, however, he is now temporarily performing the duties of Rector. Rev. Dr. Reighley, has removed from Woodville, and is engaged in a Female school of high character in Natchez. Rev. Mr. Rogers, has left St. Thomas' Hall, and is residing in Somerville, Tennessee. He continues, however, to officiate a portion of his time at St. John's, Early Grove. Rev. Mr. McGuffie is residing in Cayuga, Hinds county. Rev. Mr. Smyser, is acting as assistant to the Rev. Mr. Sansom. Rev. Messrs. Shindler and Hayden, are residing out of the Diocese, and have not reported themselves for some time.

The Rev. Robert B. Croes, of the Diocese of New York, is temporarily engaged to the parish at Woodville. And the Rev. J. H. Ingraham, of Tennessee, is under a similar engagement to the Church in Natchez.

After much anxious labor and waiting, I trust that I have secured the services of a clergyman fitted for the purpose of a general missionary. The Rev. J. H. Ingraham, after the close of his temporary engagement at Natchez, will, I hope, enter upon that work—one, for which I think him well adapted. But let it be borne in mind, brethren, that in proportion as I thus call into your missionary field, men qualified for the task, so shall I expect you to increase the treasury from which their wants must be supplied. So far, I have been enabled to sustain the credit of the Diocese in her engagements with her missionaries. My trust in you for the future is undoubting.

But at the same time that we congratulate ourselves on not having kept back the hire of any laborer, who has cultivated our fields, have we not good reason to blush at the very little which in our individual and congregational characters, we have heretofore given to the cause of Missions, within, as well as beyond the limits of our Diocese? If any charity be alike acceptable to God, and beneficial to man, it is this. And no truer test could we apply to our hearts than to ask them weekly, monthly, annually, how much they are willing to throw into God's treasury, for the work of Missions. Oh, that the time may soon come, when instead of two or three poorly

paid laborers in our missionary field, we shall see that field alive with workmen, animated and encouraged by the munificence as well as the prayers of a whole Diocese.

Among the many means within our reach of building up our people in our holy faith, and of spreading the knowledge and influence of our Church, there are few more likely to accomplish those ends, than a Book Depository. The expediency and profitability of such establishments is strongly pressed upon us by the example of our brethren of the various religious denominations around us. And if any of you were to accompany me in one of my annual rounds, and hear the repeated enquiry, "Where, and how shall I get such and such a book, to instruct me and my neighbors, in what the Church teaches?" you would not doubt for a moment, the expediency, not to say necessity, of such an agency. To these few and hurried remarks I am pleased to add the information that a gentleman who has for some time been associated with one of our principal Church Book Stores, in Philadelphia, is desirous of setting up a similar establishment in this Diocese. From my personal, and other knowledge of him, I feel assured that he would bring with him every needed recommendation for the work. As an undertaking of this kind, would, in no wise, impose any pecuniary obligation on the Convention, or the Diocese as such, and could not materially interfere with any contemplated demands upon the liberality of our people, I cannot help commending it to your serious consideration. One half the exertion and risk that is often displayed in getting up a political paper, or furnishing a public entertainment, would ensure to us the full benefit of such an agency, and that not for the present time, only, but for many years to come.

And let me once more invoke your prayers and labors, as legislators for the Church, towards the building up of one or more additional Church Schools for girls. Whilst I honor the preaching of God's Word as the chief instrument or means appointed for spreading the knowledge of Him throughout the world, I am fully persuaded that the man who has such a school in his charge, has the best of opportunities for impressing religiously and lastingly, those very hearts and minds which are soon to be in a position to form and fashion in like manner, the principles of the succeeding generation. In one of our sister and Southern Dioceses, there is a Church School which, for twenty years has sent out annually, from fifteen to twenty of its pupils, not only well instructed in the usual branches of female education, but thoroughly taught and duly impressed with regard to that higher education which looks beyond both the useful and the ornamental of this life. In a word, they leave that school intelligent and earnest Christians, prepared by example, as well as precept to profit others. Who that reflects for a moment upon woman's influence, and woman's opportunities, can fail to see the great amount of good to be effected by such an institution! Having said this, I will only add another word by way of reminding you that we already

possess in this vicinity not only a most eligible site for such a school, but *also the equivalent* of \$3000 as a beginning to the work.

I will detain you but a moment longer, by asking for your warmest interest in that noble enterprise that is claiming the attention of our whole Southern country. I mean "The University of the South."

As the documents which I now lay before you fully make known its objects, its principles, its expectations, and the doings thus far of its Trustees, I will cheerfully leave the subject to commend itself to your judgments and your hearts. This Diocese, I trust, will not fail to do her part in so great a work.

Before I close, I beg leave to call your attention to a communication which I here lay upon your table. It relates to one or more proposed amendments to the general Constitution of our Church; and of course calls for some action on the part of this Diocese.

May God's peace and blessing rest upon you, brethren, whilst you are engaged in consulting for His glory, and the good of His Church.

W. M. GREEN.



# PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

## Trinity Church, Natchez.

The Rector officiating at Trinity Church, at Natchez, Adams county, reports to the Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	- - - - -	135
Baptisms—Adults, colored,	- - - - - 18	} 60
Children, white,	- - - - - 17	
“ colored,	- - - - - 25	
Confirmations—White,	- - - - - 10	} 28
Colored,	- - - - - 18	
Communicants—Former number,	- - - - - 125	} 135
Added,	- - - - - 10	
Died,	- - - - - 4	
Removed,	- - - - - 4	} 8
Present number,	- - - - -	
Marriages—White,	- - - - - 10	} 11
Colored,	- - - - - 1	
Funerals,	- - - - -	- 11
Sunday School Teachers,	- - - - - 5	} 40
“ “ Scholars,	- - - - - 35	

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection,	- \$144	} \$400 00
From Individual Contributors,	- - - - - 256	
Domestic Missions,	- - - - -	217 90
Communion Alms,	- - - - -	170 45
Bishop's Salary,	- - - - -	500 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	- - - - -	40 00
Other purposes, as follows :		
Church Repairs,	- - - - -	1,500 00
		8

Education Student at Nashotah,	150 00
Nashotah College.	100 00
Contributions toward debt of Columbia Institute, Tenn.,	225 00

Total Contributions, - - - - - \$3,303 85

J. H. INGRAHAM, Rector Officiating.

### St. Paul's Church, Woodville.

The Senior Warden of St. Paul's Church, at Woodville, Wilkinson county, reports to the Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from recollection ; the Register not at hand :

Families, number of,	25
Baptisms,	5
Confirmations—White,	1
Communicants—Former number, White,	Not known,
Present number, White,	25

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Communion Alms,	\$25 60
Bishop's Salary,	62 55
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	11 00
Other purposes,	7 60

Total Contributions, - - - - - \$108 75

C. C. WEST, Senior Warden.

### Occasional Report.

*To the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi :*

RT. REV. DEAR SIR—Although I am not canonically connected with this Diocese, I beg leave to report that I have been officiating in St. Paul's Church, Woodville, since the last Sunday in March, and that I have engaged to supply that Parish until the first of July next. The report of the Senior Warden, is quite imperfect, from the fact that he has not had access to the Parish Register. The Church in Woodville has of late, as you remarked in your Conventional Address, been in a very depressed condition ; but the prospects are, I think, more favorable ; the Vestry seem disposed to act with energy, and the hope is cherished, that they will be enabled ere long, to secure the services of a faithful permanent minister.

Very Respectfully, Yours,

ROBERT B. CROES,

A Presbyterian of the Diocese of New York.

Jackson, April 24, 1858.

### Christ Church, Church Hill.

The Rector of Christ Church, at Church Hill, Jefferson county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of, - - - - -		85
Baptisms—Children, white, - - - - -	3	11
"    colored, - - - - -	8	
Communicants—Former number, White, - - - - -	48	57
Colored, - - - - -	8	
Added, - - - - -	1	2
Died, - - - - -	1	
Removed, - - - - -	1	65
Present Number, White, - - - - -	48	
Colored, - - - - -	7	
Marriages, - - - - -		6
Funerals, - - - - -		4

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Domestic Missions, - - - - -	\$12 50
Foreign Missions, - - - - -	12 50
Communion Alms, - - - - -	29 75
Bishop's Salary, - - - - -	260 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, - - - - -	30 00
Other purposes, as follows:	
Rent of Rectory, - - - - -	250 00
For new Church Edifice, all of which will have been paid for, by 1st June, ensuing, - - - - -	8,870 00
Cost of tract of land presented to the Rector, Jan 1, '58, - - - - -	750 00
<b>Total Contributions, - - - - -</b>	<b>\$9,714 75</b>

B. M. MILLER, Rector.

It will be understood from the foregoing, that a new Church edifice has been in the course of erection during the past year. It is now near completion. Possession is expected in the month of May ensuing, and the consecration of it to the service of Almighty God, is contemplated to be held in June following. The Rector cannot be sufficiently grateful to the Fountain of all good, the disposer of the hearts and wills of His creatures, for the prompt and cordial response given by the congregation to the demands necessary for the full accomplishment of this good work. The corner stone of the new Church was laid on the site of the old one, on the — of October, 1857. As timely notice could not be given to the Bishop, appropriate services were performed by the undersigned, assisted by the Rev. D. C. Page, D. D., of Trinity Church, Natchez, and to whom the congregation is indebted in many thanks for a copy of the admirable address delivered by him on the occasion. On the delivery



of the keys by the contractor, payment in full, will immediately be made. Thus may it ever be—a free gospel, in a free Church, free of all incumbrances.

During a portion of the time, while the Church was being built, the Rector was kindly offered the use of Union Chapel, by the Christian courtesy of the Presiding Elder, (the Rev. B. M. Drake, D. D.,) of the Methodist Church. Services were accordingly held there occasionally, for the accommodation of such as could conveniently attend. I officiated also, for a short time at Trinity Church, Natchez, after the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Page. The remaining time has been occupied in services held at the Rectory on every Lord's day morning.

The inconvenience and irregularity incident to this state of things, together with extraordinary expenses incurred, have been, to some extent, perhaps, the cause why less has been done in other branches of Christian beneficence, especially in respect of Missions. We hope through God's blessing to give a better account under this head in our next report.

The Rector, on behalf of himself and family, takes this method of returning most hearty thanks to those members of the congregation who, in their wonted generosity to, and regard for the comfort of their Minister, presented to him on New Year's Day last, a most substantial evidence of their good feelings, in a title deed to 30 acres of rich, heavily timbered land, as a site for a homestead, about two miles from the Church. Such deeds of kindness tell better on the hearts of the recipients than on paper. May this tell also, in the increased prayers and labors of their servant for Christ's sake, and in consequent spiritual blessings on the whole congregation.

B. M. MILLER.

### Christ Church, Vicksburg.

The Rector of Christ Church, at Vicksburg, Warren county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, (removed, 18, added 2,) present number,	-	82
Baptisms—Adults, white,	- - - - 8	86
Children, white,	- - - - 24	
“ colored,	- - - - 9	
Confirmations—White,	- - - -	16
Communicants—Former number,	- - - - 130	150
Added,	- - - - 20	
Died,	- - - - 1	
Removed,	- - - - 15	16
Present number white Communicants,		134
Marriages—White,	- - - -	2

Funerals, - - - - -	10
Sunday School Teachers, - - - - -	15
" " Scholars, - - - - -	109
	115

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection, \$30 90	
Second " 50 25	\$113 15
From Individ'l contrib's, 32 00	
Domestic Missions, - - - - -	48 70
Foreign Missions, - - - - -	40 00
Communion Alms, - - - - -	167 50
Bishop's Salary, - - - - -	380 00
Contingent Expenses of Diocesan Convention, -	30 00
Other purposes, as follows :	
Incidental Expenses, - - - - -	339 68
Special Collection for Repairs, - - - - -	514 25
Total Contributions, - - - - -	\$1,633 28
	W. W. LORD.

## St. Matthew's Church, Clinton.

The Rector of St. Matthew's Church, at Clinton, Hinds county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of, - - - - -	18
Baptisms—Children, white, - - - - -	5
Communicants—Former number, white, - - - - -	19
Added, - - - - -	1
Removed, - - - - -	5
Present number, white, - - - - -	15
Sunday School Teachers, - - - - -	6
" " Scholars, - - - - -	28
	34

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection, - - -	\$2 25
Domestic Missions, - - - - -	4 10
Bishop's Salary, - - - - -	20 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, -	5 00
Other purposes as follows :	
Towards payment for Church building, - - -	77 50
For Sunday School Library, - - - - -	10 00
Total Contributions, - - - - -	\$118 85
	F. ELWELL, Rector.

**St. Mark's Church, Raymond.**

The Vestry of St. Mark's Church, Raymond, Hinds county, report to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	10
Communicants—Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	1

**CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.**

For Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	\$20 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	5 00

Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$25 00
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O. V. SHEARER, for Vestry,

P. S. There has been no Clergyman in this Parish since last summer.

**Christ Church, Holly Springs.**

The Junior Warden of Christ Church, at Holly Springs, Marshall county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	26
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	1	2
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	1	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Former number, white,	-	-	-	-	48	51
Added,	-	-	-	-	3	
Died,	-	-	-	-	3	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	3	
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-	-	45
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	5	30
" Scholars,	-	-	-	-	25	

**CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.**

For Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	-	\$6 31
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	62 40
Other purposes, as follows :						
New Church Edifice,	-	-	-	6,455	00	6,959 05
Rector's Salary, half year,	-	-	-	500	00	
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	4	05	

Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$7,027 76
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B. W. WALTHALL, Junior Warden.

I much regret that the above shows our Church delinquent in many particulars. But having no pastoral care, the vestry find it difficult, and almost impossible to keep the work up to what it ought to be.

Our new Church edifice is progressing rapidly toward completion, and will, in all probability, be finished by the middle of July. The stipulations as to payments have thus far been complied with, and I apprehend no serious delay in meeting the demands of the builder, when he shall have accomplished the work.

B. W. WALTHALL.

### St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, Hinds county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	80
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	1	18
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	12	
Communicants—Former number, White,	-	-	-	-	101	125
Colored,	-	-	-	-	1	
Added,	-	-	-	-	23	18
Died,	-	-	-	-	2	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	16	107
Present Number, White,	-	-	-	-	105	
Colored,	-	-	-	-	2	
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	8
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	8	58
“ “ Scholars,	-	-	-	-	50	

### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	\$32 95
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	-	96 00
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	300 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	80 00
Other purposes, as follows :						
Repairs on Parish Church,	-	-	-	-	-	475 00
Total Contributions;	-	-	-	-	-	\$983 85

There are several candidates ready to receive the rite of confirmation at the hands of the Bishop, who cannot be included in this report.

THOS. D. OZANNE, Rector.

### Epiphany Church, Claiborne County.

The Warden of Epiphany Church, Claiborne county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	4 or 5
Communicants—Former number, White,	-	-	-	7	}	9
Colored,	-	-	-	2		
Present number, White,	-	-	-	7	}	9
Colored,	-	-	-	2		

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary, (the Salary \$20, I paid Bishop Green, \$15, still due him \$5,) - - - - \$15 00

Total Contributions, - - - - \$15 00

We had no minister during the year of 1857, and none up to this time, May 6, 1858. EDWIN McCaleb, Warden.

### St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	7
Baptisms—Children, colored,	-	-	-	-	-	3
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Former number, White,	-	-	-	11	}	36
Colored,	-	-	-	23		
Added,	-	-	-	2	}	1
Died,	-	-	-	-		
Present number, White,	-	-	-	12	}	35
Colored,	-	-	-	23		
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	1

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions— - - - - \$7 00  
 Bishop's Salary, - - - - - 59 00  
 Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, - - - - 10 00

Total Contributions, - - - - \$67 00

The Bishop's Salary and the Contingent assessment will be collected and forwarded soon. I have been sick and absent from the Parish more than two months, and consequently the usual collections have not been made. As heretofore, I officiate at St. Andrew's, on the first and third Sunday in each month.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. FAGG.

### Trinity Church, Yazoo City.

The Rector of Trinity Church, at Yazoo City, Yazoo county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	27
Baptisms—Adults, colored,	-	-	-	-	1	16
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	5	
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	10	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Communicants—Former number, white,	-	-	-	-	25	36
Added,	-	-	-	-	11	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-	-	35
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	1	4
Colored,	-	-	-	-	8	
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	5	23
“ “ Scholars,	-	-	-	-	18	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$18 00
Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	39 60
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	80 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	20 00
For other purposes, as follows :	-	-	-	-	
Sundry contingencies for the Church and Sunday School,	-	-	-	-	54 00
Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$206 60

JOHN FOSTER, Rector.

### St. John's Church, Pontotoc County.

The Rector of St. John's Church, at Pontotoc, Pontotoc county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	8
Communicants—Former number, white,	-	-	-	-	Not known
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-	14

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	\$10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	5 00
For other purposes, as follows :	-	-	-	-	
Repairs of room, &c.,	-	-	-	-	22 37
Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$37 37

JAMES D. GIBSON, Rector.

**Ascension Church, Hernando.**

The Rector of Ascension Church, Hernando, De Soto county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	12
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	4	7
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	2	
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	1	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	7
Communicants—Former number, white,	-	-	-	-	15	21
Added,	-	-	-	-	6	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-	-	16
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	8	38
“ “ Scholars,	-	-	-	-	30	

**CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.**

For Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	\$10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	5 00
For other purposes, as follows :					
From Mrs. Johnston, to the Rector,	-	-	-	-	50 00
Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$65 00

ANDREW MATTHEWS, Rector.

**St. John's Church, Aberdeen.**

The Rector of St. John's Church, at Aberdeen, Monroe county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	15
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	3	6
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	3	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Former number, white,	-	-	-	-	22	24
Added,	-	-	-	-	2	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-	-	19
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	3	23
“ “ Scholars,	-	-	-	-	20	

**CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.**

For Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$10 00
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Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	20 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	5 00
Other purposes, as follows :					
Repairing the Church,	-	-	-	-	25 00
Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$60 00

THOS. B. LAWSON, Rector.

The debt which this parish has owed for several years has been a heavy burden, and largely retarded her progress ; but it can, and will be paid off. The liberality of the Bishop and others, have placed within the hands of the Vestry, nearly enough to satisfy all claims ; the Church may now be said to be out of debt, and will be ready for consecration when the Bishop makes us his next visitation.

THOS. B. LAWSON.

### Grace Church, Canton.

The Rector of Grace Church, at Canton, Madison county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	25
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	4	} 11
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	1	
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	6	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	11
Communicants—Former number, white,	-	-	-	-	37	} 44
Added,	-	-	-	-	7	
Removed,	-	-	-	-	-	7
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-	-	37
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	10	} 59
“ “ Scholars,	-	-	-	-	49	

### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection,	-	-	\$24 00
Second “ not made,	-	-	
Communion Alms,	-	-	36 90
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	65 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	10 00
Other purposes, as follows :			
Monthly Collections for Current Expenses,	-	-	53 00
Total Contributions,	-	-	\$188 00

HENRY SANSOM, Rector.



**St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood.**

The Rector of St. Philip's Church, at Kirkwood, Madison county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	5	
Baptisms—Adults, colored,	-	-	-	-	8	}	8
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	1		
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	4		
Communicants—Former Number, White,	-	-	-	-	9	}	13
Colored,	-	-	-	-	2		
Added,	-	-	-	-	2		
Present Number, White,	-	-	-	-	11	}	13
Colored,	-	-	-	-	2		
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

**CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.**

For Diocesan Missions—From Individual Contributors,	\$15 00
Domestic Missions,	22 00
Communion Alms,	7 35
Bishop's Salary,	65 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	10 00
Rector's Convention Expenses,	8 50

Total Contributions, \$127 85

E. H. DOWNING, Rector.

**Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo County.**

The Rector of the Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Baptisms—Adults, colored,	-	-	-	-	8	}	11
Children, "	-	-	-	-	8		
Confirmations—Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Communicants—Former number, colored,	-	-	-	-	17	}	22
Added,	-	-	-	-	5		
Present Number, colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	40

**CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.**

For Communion Alms,	\$10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	2 50

Total Contributions, \$12 50

JOHN FOSTER, Rector.

**St. Luke's Church, Brandon.**

The Rector of St. Luke's Church, at Brandon, Rankin county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	7
Communicants—Former number, white,	-	-	-	9	}	12
Added,	-	-	-	3		
Removed,	-	-	-	-		3
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-	-	9
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	-	1

**CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.**

For Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	\$3 25
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	10 00

Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	\$23 25
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The Rector has had charge of this Parish only since October, 1857.

F. ELWELL, Rector.

**Trinity Church, Pass Christian.**

The Rector of Trinity Church, at Pass Christian, Harrison county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	28
Baptisms—Children, white,	-	-	-	-	-	11
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants—Former number, white,	-	-	-	26	}	31
Added,	-	-	-	5		
Died,	-	-	-	1		
Removed,	-	-	-	4	}	5
Present Number, white,	-	-	-	-		26
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	1	}	4
Colored,	-	-	-	3		
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	8	}	98
" " Scholars,	-	-	-	90		

**CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.**

For Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$46 30
Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	79 60
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	120 00

Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	15 00
Other purposes, as follows :	
Rector's Expenses to the Diocesan Convention,	83 00
Incidental Expenses on Church,	22 16
Enlargement and Improvement of Church Edifice,	1,485 00
<b>Total Contributions,</b>	<b>\$1,803 06</b>

An interesting feature of the congregation connected with the Church, is the Female Institution of the Rev. T. S. Savage, well known as Trinity School, Pass Christian. About seventy boarders with the teachers, attend constantly upon the services of the Church. During the Lenten season, on Wednesdays and Fridays, and in Passion week, every day, they were present, and formed an interesting congregation in themselves. The pupils of Mr. Green's Military Institute, also attend during the greater portion of the year. From these Institutions nearly one hundred of the young are brought yearly under the influence and teachings of the Church; and thus we trust that the good seed is cast into the tender soil of the youthful heart, which, in after years, shall bring forth fruit for the benefit of the Church, to the praise and glory of God. During the past year the Church edifice has been enlarged and improved, by the addition of wings, on the east and west side of the Church; the edifice now presenting itself to the eye of the worshipper, as he approaches it, in the form of a Cross, the sacred symbol of the one Catholic Faith.

G. W. SILL, Rector.

### St. Peter's Church, Oxford.

The Rector of St. Peter's Church, at Oxford, Lafayette county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	9
Baptisms—Children, white,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants—Former number, white,	-	-	-	14		18
Added,	-	-	-	4		
Died,	-	-	-	2		
Removed,	-	-	-	2		
Present number, white,	-	-	-	-	-	14
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	2

F. A. P. BARNARD, Rector.

### Calvary Church, Holmes County.

The Rector of Calvary Church, Holmes county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	- - - - -	9
Baptisms—Children, white,	- - - - -	5
Confirmations—White, (by the Bishop of Alabama,)	- - - - -	1
Communicants—Former number, white,	- - - 19 }	20
Added,	- - - 1 }	
Removed,	- - - - -	
Present Number, white,	- - - - -	19
Marriages—White,	- - - - -	1
Funerals,	- - - - -	1

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection,	\$5 00 }	\$6 50
Second “	1 50 }	
Domestic Missions,	- - - - -	3 00
Foreign Missions,	- - - - -	3 00
Communion Alms, (in addition to appropriations for specific objects,)	- - - - -	2 48
Bishop's Salary,	- - - - -	20 00
Contingent Expenses of Diocesan Convention,	- - - - -	5 00

Total Contributions, - - - - - \$39 98

On the second Sunday in October, at the solicitation of a Church family, I commenced holding Services at Wheeling, which have been continued monthly, since that time. The congregations thus far, have been quite large and attentive ; but as they are composed for the most part of persons who are entire strangers to our mode of worship, and we have had but a partial supply of Prayer Books, but few join in the responses. The interest manifested, however, encourages the hope, that, by the Divine blessing, the Church will be permanently established at this point.

B. HALSTED, Rector.

### St. John's Church, Early Grove.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Early Grove, Marshall county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	- - - - -	18
Baptisms—Adults, white,	- - - - - 2 }	7
“ colored,	- - - - - 1 }	
Children, white,	- - - - - 2 }	
“ colored,	- - - - - 2 }	
Confirmations—White,	- - - - -	10

Communicants—Former number, White,	- - 20	}	37
Colored,	- - 7		
Added,	- - 10		
Removed,	- - -		2
Present number, White,	- - 28	}	35
Colored,	- - 7		
Marriages—White,	- - -	1	2
Colored,	- - -	1	
Sunday School Teachers,	- - -	8	23
" " Scholars,	- - -	20	

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Bishop's Salary,	- - - - -	\$10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	- - - - -	5 00
Parochial School, Wilson Hall,	- - - - -	3100 00
Other purposes, as follows :		
Improvement of the Rectory,	- - - - -	1200 00
Total Contributions,	- - - - -	\$4,315 00

St. John's Parish School, under the name of Wilson Hall,, has been nearly completed, at a cost of \$3,100, and has in attendance about 50 pupils. The Rector of the Church is Rector of this Institution, and owing to the great scarcity of good teachers, was obliged to place a Presbyterian gentleman over the school, temporarily : he resigns however, at the end of the present session, having given general satisfaction ; and it is hoped that a Churchman may now be secured.

J. W. ROGERS,

April 20, 1858.

Rector.

## Grace Church, Okalona.

The Rector of Grace Church, at Okalona, Chickasaw county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	- - - - -	7
Communicants—Former number, white,	- - - - -	not known
colored,	- - - - -	"
Added,	- - - - -	"
Died,	- - - - -	"
Removed,	- - - - -	"
Present Number, white,	- - - - -	10

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Communion Alms,	- - - - -	\$11 50
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Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	5 00
Other purposes, as follows :	
Repairing, plastering and painting Church,	150 00
Blinds for Church, and fencing in the Church yard,	110 00
<b>Total Contributions,</b>	<b>\$286 50</b>

**JAMES D. GIBSON, Rector.**

### Chapel of the Cross, Madison County.

The Rector of the Chapel of the Cross, in Madison county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	8
Baptisms—Adults, colored,	10
Children, colored,	11
Confirmations, no visitation since last Convention.	
Communicants—Former number, White,	8
Colored,	46
Added,	6
Present Number, White,	14
Colored,	46
Marriages, colored,	5
Sunday School Teachers,	1
“ “ Scholars, colored,	60

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Foreign Missions—Contributions of servants,	\$10 45
Communion Alms,	6 25
Bishop's Salary,	30 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	5 00
Other purposes, as follows :	
Communion Service,	250 00
Carpeting Church, and heating apparatus,	150 00
<b>Total Contributions,</b>	<b>\$451 70</b>

**HENRY SANSOM, Rector.**

### St. John's Chapel, Annadale.

The Rector of St. John's Chapel, at Annadale, Yazoo county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	1
	10

Baptisms—Adults, colored,	-	-	-	-	1	}	4
Children, "	-	-	-	-	3		
Confirmations—Colored,	-	-	-	-	-		2
Communicants—Former number, White,	-	-	-	-	5	}	17
Colored,	-	-	-	-	11		
Added,	-	-	-	-	1		1
Removed,	-	-	-	-	-		
Present number, White,	-	-	-	-	4	}	16
Colored,	-	-	-	-	12		
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	2	}	30
" " Scholars,	-	-	-	-	28		

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	\$30 00
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00

Total Contributions, - - - - - \$60 00

JOHN FOSTER, Rector.

## Christ Church, Monticello.

The Rector of Christ Church, at Monticello, Lawrence county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of, five; one removed,	-	-	-	-	4	
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	2	}
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	2	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants—Former number, White,	-	-	-	-	-	10
Removed,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Present Number, White,	-	-	-	-	-	8

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	-	\$4 50
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00

Total Contributions, - - - - - \$19 50

JAMES S. GREENE, Rector.

### St. Thomas' Church, Pikeville.

\* The Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Pikeville, Chickasaw county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Communicants—Former number, White,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Present Number, White,	-	-	-	-	-	2

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	\$10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, -	-	-	-	-	-	5 00

Total Contributions,	-	-	-	-	-	\$15 00
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THOS. B. LAWSON, Rector.

This parish has been without a Church for the past year. I have had services when the weather was suitable, under an arbor. But little, if any progress can be made, till we are able to get some place in which services can be held regularly. The population is changing, and it was thought best not to commence a building, till there was a prospect of its being completed. I am in hopes that something can be done, during the coming year, for this parish, and the few churchmen who compose it, be kept, at least, from the evils of heresy and schism.

T. B. LAWSON.

### The Church of the Nativity, Mt. Albon.

The Rector of the Church of the Nativity, at Mount Albon, Warren county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	11
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	14	} 21
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	7	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	18
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	1

As this Parish has been but recently organized, and the Holy Communion has not yet been administered, the number of actual Communicants is not known.

HENRY SANSOM, Rector.



### Report of Rev. Thos. S. Savage.

In the absence of facts necessary to a Report after the prescribed form, the subscriber begs leave to submit the following statement to the Bishop of the Diocese :

Each with a vestry of six, from among the most respectable citizens of this place. Subscriptions were made, both to the salary of a minister, and toward the erection of a Church edifice, and had it not been for the well known "financial crisis," which soon after occurred, there is good reason to believe that these efforts would have been crowned with success.

At Mississippi City, the Church has sustained a great loss in the death of Dr. E. F. Watkins, and the removal of Dr. J. S. Green, both members of the vestry of St. Mark's; and also, in the death, at Shieldsboro', of S. B. Pearce, Esq., Senior Warden of St. Luke's.

Receiving a unanimous call to the charge of these Churches, I accepted till a minister can be obtained whose time can be devoted exclusively to their interests.

The number of families and communicants of these parishes are as follows :

St. Luke's, Shieldsboro' : Families, 14; Communicants, 5.

St. Mark's, Mississippi City : Families, 13; Communicants, 10.

My school opening on the 1st of November, with a large increase in the number of pupils, I was compelled to suspend my labors at these points, till the session shall have closed, when, with Divine permission, I hope to renew my efforts under circumstances more favorable to success.

Besides the discharge of duties peculiar to my school, I have several times rendered such aid in Trinity Church, at this place, as the Pastor required. I have performed three marriages, two of white persons, the other of colored; baptized two infants, (white,) and buried two adults, (also white.)

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. S. SAVAGE, *Presbyter.*

Pass Christian, Harrison county, April 19, 1858.

### Hurricane, Diamond Place, and Mrs. Freeland's.

The Minister of the Missionary Stations at Hurricane, Diamond Place and Mrs. Freeland's, Warren county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	8
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	1	85
"    colored,	-	-	-	-	9	
Children, "	-	-	-	-	75	
Confirmations—Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	14

At the close of the annual session of my school, (August 5th,) I commenced Divine Service at the towns of Shieldsboro' and Mississippi City. At the former, a Church, under the name of St. Luke's, was organized; and at the latter, another, under that of St. Mark's;

Communicants—Former number, White,	-	11	}	51
Colored,	-	26		
Added,	-	14	}	51
Present number, White,	-	11		
Colored,	-	40	}	4
Marriages—Colored,	-	-		
Funerals,	-	-	-	4

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	\$10 00
Other purposes, as follows:				
Education of Student at Nashotah,	-	-	-	117 55
Church Book Society,	-	-	-	10 00
Total Contributions,	-	-	-	\$187 55

F. W. DAMUS, Missionary.

#### Report of Rev. Wm. Parker Scott.

Rev. Wm. Parker Scott, ministering in Yazoo county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of his official acts.

Baptisms—Adults, colored,	-	-	-	17	}	53
Children, white,	-	-	-	8		
“ colored,	-	-	-	28	}	16
Confirmations—Colored,	-	-	-	-		
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Funerals, White,	-	-	-	3	}	6
“ Colored,	-	-	-	3		

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	\$25 00
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Having had no Parochial charge during the last year, I have officiated occasionally in various parts of Yazoo county. I have adopted this course as a matter of choice, supported by the conviction that I can render equal service to the Church. Many of its members reside in different portions of the country, who are without the benefits of a regularly established Parish.

Without some such missionary work, it is impossible to minister to the necessities of the colored population, who are most lamentably ignorant of the great truths of the Christian Religion.

WM. PARKER SCOTT, Presbyter.

### Report of Rev. James A. Fox.

The Rev. James A. Fox, reports to the Bishop that in the course of the past year, he has preached a few times, and has baptized ten children.

JAMES A. FOX.

### Report of Rev. W. C. Stout.

*To the Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green :*

MY DEAR BISHOP—I have to report myself as still without regular charge. Since the last Convention, I have been out of the Diocese, for the greater part of the time, but have every where performed Service, and preached, when opportunity allowed.

I have had service and preached about twenty times, and participated in many other services.

I have baptized three children, and one person of "riper years," and performed one marriage.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. STOUT.

### Report of Rev. W. G. H. Jones.

*To the Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green,*

*Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi :*

The Minister of the Church officiating in Coahoma county, Miss., reports to his Bishop, that he commenced his ministerial labors here as a pioneer, about the first of May last; and considered himself rather as a Missionary, than as Rector of the Church, inasmuch as his contract was with a single individual. There are, it is true, four or more gentlemen constituting a Vestry elect; the Parish as yet having not been received into union with the Diocese, nor application made for that purpose, as far as he knows.

No Church building had been erected, and services were held in an old log-house, for a while, until a better place could be provided. After the lapse of about two months the minister's health gave way, under an attack of bilious fever, and his physician deemed it inexpedient for him to hold service in so rude and open a building, as the old house referred to. He therefore occasionally officiated at the house of Col. H. C. Chambers, to his family and servants, and a few others, who might happen to be present; suffering all the while, at brief intervals, with attacks of fever, until November, when the buildings for a parsonage were finished, and a building for a school house, and temporarily for a place of Divine Worship, was provided on the land, (40 acres,) donated to the church by Col. Chambers. Services have been subsequently held here. Since the middle of December, owing to the state of the roads, the weather, and inundation from the river, the attendance has been small, and irregular, or no attendance at all.

Four Communicants only, were found here; the white population is sparse, and much divided in creed; the minister has struggled against many obstacles, and now feels compelled from wretched health, to abandon an enterprise which he had hoped to cherish for life, as Col. Chambers had been kind enough to pledge him a life estate in the donation made by him to the Church; but the buildings are now ready for a successor, who he trusts, should one be obtained, will carry on the good work of the Church here, until a neat building shall be prepared for consecration, and many souls shall be born thence for glory.

Communicants, inclusive of the minister's wife,	-	-	-	4
Funerals—Child, white,	-	-	-	1
Confirmed,	-	-	-	1

Respectfully submitted,  
W. G. H. JONES, *Presbyter.*

### Report of Rev. Chas. W. Whitall.

To the Right Rev. Wm. M. Green :

The following is the yearly report, Church of the Redeemer, and Coast Mission :

Baptisms—Adults,	-	-	-	-	7	}	39
Infants,	-	-	-	-	32		
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	8	}	78
" " Scholars,	-	-	-	-	70		

My mission extends from Biloxi to Pascagoula. There are in the Mission about 25 Church families, and about 50 Communicants. Morning Service, Biloxi; afternoon, Ocean Springs. Fourth Sunday, Pascagoula, when *practicable*.

The congregations at Biloxi, are generally quite large, and always attentive. The full services are always had, irrespective of the "Memorial," the Missionary being unable to know which, or what part to leave out, without spoiling the beauty, or impairing the usefulness of that solemn and imposing Liturgy, which cost the blood of martyrs to secure.

Services always on each Lord's day, twice; at some point frequently during the week, and on Holy days. I formed and organized St. Paul's Church, at Ocean Springs, and shortly expect to organize St. Peter's at Pascagoula.

Dear Bishop, I am happy to be able to report that I think the Church is being firmly established on the coast, at least at those

points where I have been privileged to labor these two years past.

We will have quite a number to be confirmed, I think, on your next visit.

I have received, Missionary money,	-	-	-	\$100 00
from Biloxi,	-	-	-	340 00
Total,	-	-	-	\$440 00

Your servant for Christ and the Church,

CHAS. W. WHITALL.

Biloxi, April 15, 1858.

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**Report of the Rev. B. R. Smyser, Assistant Minister  
of Grace Church, Canton.**

Since my arrival in this Diocese, on the 22d ult., I have officiated  
statedly, preaching ten times.

Respectfully,

April 20, 1858.

B. R. SMYSER.

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# ACCOUNT CURRENT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION. GILES W. HILTYER, its Account with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Mississippi.

	D.R.	C.R.
1857.		
April 26. This amount is hand.....	\$161 14	
May 4. Cash paid telegraphic despatches to Bishop Green, and others.....		\$2 66
June 2. Cash paid Adams' Express on Journals General Convention, and drysage.....		6 35
" 11. Cash paid postages on Journals sent Parishos, &c.....		14 67
" 20. Cash paid postage on correspondence, &c.....		1 45
" 29. Cash paid Discount uncurrent money.....		2 50
July 1. Cash paid bill printing Journals, paper, &c.....		28 77
1858.		
Feb 20. Cash paid telegraphic despatches to Bishop Green and others.....		4 16
" Cash paid Printing Circulars to Parishos.....		5 00
" Cash paid postages on same, and Parochial Reports.....		3 40
April 25. Cash paid cartage, discount on uncurrent money, postages on letters, stationery, &c.....		7 20
April 25. This amount to pay balances due by Diocese for expenses General Convention, 1856.....		16 50
April 25. This amount in hand, applicable to Expenses of this Convention of current year.....		199 63
March 30. St. John's, Port Gibson, assessment 1854, '55, '56.....	15 00	
April.. 8. St. John's, Pontotoc, assessment 1857.....	5 00	
" 9. Trinity, Natchez, assessment 1857.....	40 00	
" 22. Christ Church, Church Hill, assessment 1857.....	5 00	
Green Church, Okolona, assessment 1858.....	10 00	
St. Philip's, Kirtwood, assessment 1857.....	10 00	
Grace, Canton, assessment 1857.....	5 00	
St. John's, Aberdeen, assessment 1857.....	5 00	
St. Thomas, Pikeville, assessment 1857.....	5 00	
St. John's, Annapolis, assessment 1857.....	10 00	
St. Luke's, Brandon, assessment 1857.....	10 00	
St. Matthew's, Clinton, assessment 1856, 1857.....	5 00	
Chapel of the Cross, Madison Co., assessment 57.....	5 00	
Assension, Hernando, assessment 1857.....	15 00	
Trinity, Pas Christian, assessment 1857.....	3 50	
Church Crucifixion, Yazoo Co., assessment 1857.....	20 00	
April 22. Trinity, Yazoo City, assessment 1857.....	20 00	
Christ, Vicksburg, assessment 1857.....	20 00	
Calvary, Holmes County, assessment 1857.....	5 00	
St. John's, Early Grove, assessment 1857.....	5 00	
Church, Mesiah, Noxubee County, assessment 57.....	5 00	
	\$556 14	\$556 14

We have examined the account and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Convention, and have found the same in all respects, correct and accurate.

M. W. EWING, } Finance  
W. C. SMEDES, } Committee.

# Summary of Parochial Reports, for 1856-57, Diocese of Mississippi.

NAME OF CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	COUNTRY.	RECTOR OR MINISTER.	No. of Families..	Baptisms.		Con- firmations.	Communicants.		Mar-Funerals-day		Contribu- tions.	
					Adults.	Infants.		Form'r No.	Pres'r No.	Colored... White....	Colored... White....		Scholars
					Col'd white	white	Col'd	White..	Col'd.	White.	Colored...	Dollars;..	Cents.....
1 Trinity.....	Natchez.....	Adams.....	G. B. Perry, D.D., L.D.	185	00	18	25	10	18	126	0	0	\$3803 25
2 St. Paul's.....	Woodville.....	Wilkinson.....	Robert B. Crook.....	26	00	0	0	1	0	00	4	4	106 75
3 St. Mary's.....	Laurel Hill.....	Adams.....	Robert B. Crook.....	25	00	0	0	0	0	00	0	0	00 00
4 Christ.....	Church Hill.....	Jefferson.....	B. M. Miller.....	32	00	0	8	1	1	48	0	0	9714 75
5 Christ.....	Vicksburg.....	Warren.....	W. W. Lord.....	85	3	00	24	9	16	0	2	10	1633 28
6 St. Paul's.....	Grand Gulf.....	Gibson.....	Frederick Elwell.....	00	00	00	0	0	0	00	0	0	118 85
7 St. Matthew's.....	Clinton.....	Hinds.....	Frederick Elwell.....	18	00	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	25 00
8 St. Mark's.....	Raymond.....	Hinds.....	Frederick Elwell.....	10	00	00	0	0	0	00	0	0	95 00
9 St. Paul's.....	Columbus.....	Lowndes.....	Frederick Elwell.....	26	1	00	1	0	1	48	0	0	7037 76
10 Christ.....	Holly Springs.....	Marshall.....	Thos. D. Osanne.....	50	1	00	12	0	0	101	1	23	983 85
11 St. Andrew's.....	Jackson.....	Hinds.....	Thos. D. Osanne.....	5	00	00	0	0	0	7	2	0	15 00
12 Epiphany.....	.....	Clatsborne.....	Wm. Fagg.....	7	00	00	0	0	0	11	0	1	67 00
13 St. Andrew's.....	.....	Marshall.....	John Foster.....	27	00	1	5	5	0	25	0	1	208 60
14 Trinity.....	Yazoo City.....	Yazoo.....	James D. Gibson.....	8	00	00	1	0	0	00	0	0	87 87
15 St. John's.....	Pontotoc.....	Pontotoc.....	Andrew Matthews.....	12	4	00	2	1	7	0	0	1	65 00
16 Ascension.....	Hernando.....	De Soto.....	Thos. B. Lawson.....	15	3	00	0	1	0	32	0	2	60 00
17 St. John's.....	Aberdeen.....	Moore.....	H. Sanson, B. Smyser.....	25	4	1	6	0	11	0	7	0	188 90
18 Grace.....	Canton.....	Madison.....	E. H. Downing.....	6	00	3	1	0	0	9	2	2	137 85
19 St. Philip's.....	Kirkwood.....	Madison.....	John Foster.....	00	00	00	0	0	0	00	0	0	00 00
20 St. John's.....	De Soto.....	Madison.....	John Foster.....	00	00	8	0	0	0	00	0	1	19 50
21 Crucifixion.....	P. O., Yazoo City.....	De Soto.....	John Foster.....	7	00	00	0	0	0	9	0	0	28 25
22 St. Luke's.....	Brandon.....	Rankin.....	Frederick Elwell.....	00	00	00	0	0	0	00	0	0	00 00
23 St. John's.....	Lake Washington.....	Washington.....	Frederick Elwell.....	23	00	00	0	0	0	00	0	0	00 00
24 St. James'.....	Port Gibson.....	Washington.....	Frederick Elwell.....	23	00	00	0	0	0	00	0	0	00 00
25 Trinity.....	Pass Christian.....	Harrison.....	Geo. W. Sill.....	23	00	00	11	0	0	00	0	1	1908 06
26 St. Peter's.....	Oxford.....	La Fayette.....	Geo. W. Sill.....	9	00	00	1	0	0	00	0	4	00 00
27 Calvary.....	P. O., Lexington.....	Holmes.....	Benj. Haines.....	9	00	00	5	0	1	0	1	0	89 98
28 St. John's.....	Early Grove.....	Marshall.....	J. W. Rogers.....	13	2	1	3	10	0	20	7	10	4915 00





**APPENDIX B.**

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**CONSTITUTION AND CANONS**

**OF THE**

**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**IN THE**

**DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.**

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**CONSTITUTION.**

**ARTICLE I.** The Church in the Diocese of Mississippi acknowledges the authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

**ART. II.** There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese every year, at such time and place as may be fixed on by the preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church requires it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it; and, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee, on urgent reasons, may call a special Convention. When a special Convention is so called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in giving notice thereof, to specify the business and purposes for which it is to be assembled, and no other business shall be transacted than that which is thus specified, or necessarily connected with it.

**ART. III.** The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, canonically resident in the Diocese for three months prior to the session

of the Convention, shall be entitled to a seat in the same; and it is hereby made his duty to attend its deliberations.

Every Parish within this Diocese, in union with this Convention shall be entitled to send to the Convention a Lay Delegate, or Lay Delegates not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Rector, a Warden, or Secretary of the Parish, shall, before the admission to seats, be laid before the Convention: *provided*, That no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate, unless he be a stated worshipper in the Parish which he represents. The delegation from each Parish shall be entitled, on a division, to but one vote.

ART. IV. New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes; *Provided*, They shall have laid before the Convention written evidences, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

ART. V. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be *ex-officio*, the President of the Convention; but, during a vacancy in the Episcopate, or in the absence or inability of the Bishop of the Diocese, the members shall elect a President from among the Presbyters; *Provided*, That in the absence or inability of the Bishop of the Diocese, the Convention may invite the Bishop of any other Diocese to preside over the deliberations of the Convention, who, if he accept the invitation, shall have all the powers and privileges of the President of the Convention.

ART. VI. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Annual Convention.

ART. VII. The members of the Convention present, on due notification, and consisting of not less than three Clergymen, and Lay Delegates from three Parishes, shall constitute a quorum to transact the regular business of the Convention. The Clergy and Lay Delegates shall deliberate in one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for, in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Convention.

ART. VIII. When, on account of the prevalence of any epidemic or contagious disease, it shall be thought imprudent to hold the Convention at the place appointed, the Bishop may change it, by giving notice in some newspaper, and notifying the Ministers and Parishes.

ART. IX. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any Article, except at the annual meetings of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

# CANONS.

## CANON I.

### OF THE ADMISSION OF CHURCHES.

**SECTION 1.** Whenever any number of persons shall associate to form an Episcopal Congregation, they shall adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and shall assume a suitable name, by which their Church or Parish shall be designated, and appoint not less than three, nor more than eleven, Vestrymen, and two Wardens. A certified copy of the Articles of Association, and of the proceedings at their adoption, shall then be laid before the Convention; and if approved by that body, Delegates from that Congregation or Parish may take seats in the Convention: and the Congregation shall be considered as united to the Convention, and subject to its control.

**SEC. 2.** Every Parish, so organized, shall annually, on Easter Monday, or as soon afterwards as may be, elect the same number of Vestrymen, or such number as the Vestry, at some meeting previous to the election, have designated, who shall be stated worshippers in the Church—who shall, as soon as may be after their election, assemble and appoint two Wardens, a Register and Treasurer.

**SEC. 3.** It shall be the duty of the Rector, agreeably to the ancient usage of the Church, to preside in all Parish and Vestry meetings; but, in case of his absence, one of the Wardens shall preside.

## CANON II.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall be composed of three Presbyters and two Laymen, and be elected at each Annual Convention. Any vacancy occurring in this Committee, may be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining members. They shall keep full minutes of their proceedings, which shall be laid on the table of each Annual Convention, and read therein.

## CANON III.

### OF SUSPENSION FROM THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY.

The Bishop, with the advice of the Standing Committee, shall be empowered to suspend from the functions of the Ministry, any Minister who shall be charged with improper, irreligious, or immoral conduct; and further, this suspension shall be continued until the disposal of the charges against him by a canonical trial, unless before such trial, the Bishop and Standing Committee are satisfied, from testimony laid

before them, of a thorough reformation of his life : *Provided*, That no Minister shall be suspended, until he shall have been notified, by the Bishop or Standing Committee, of the nature of the charges against him, and an opportunity given him to be heard, in relation thereto, before the Bishop or Standing Committee.

## CANON IV.

### OF THE TRIAL OF CLERGYMEN.

SECTION 1. The trial of a Clergyman of this Diocese shall be on presentment made to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, in writing, signed by the party making it ; and every presentment of a Clergyman shall be either by the Convention of the Diocese, by the Vestry and Church Wardens of the Parish to which such Clergyman may belong, or by one or more Presbyters of the Church.

SEC. 2. In all cases of presentment contemplated by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, or by those of this Diocese, a copy of the charge or charges, and specifications, together with a citation to appear and answer, shall be served upon the party accused, in the manner hereinafter provided, with all convenient speed. The charge and specification shall be set forth with such reasonable certainty and description, as may enable the defendant to know and prepare for his defence. And upon the trial of such presentments, the rules of evidence, as understood and enforced in the judicial tribunals of the State, shall govern, except so far as they are altered or modified by the Canons of the General Convention, or by those of the Diocese.

SEC. 3. The regular place of trial, and the office for the record of all ecclesiastical proceedings, shall be the house of the Bishop ; but, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall appoint the place for these purposes ; and the Bishop, by and with the concurrence of his Council of Advice, may appoint any place within his Diocese for the trial, if there be any special reasons moving him thereto.

SEC. 4. All testimony adduced upon the trial shall be in writing, taken, on due notice to the parties, either by a Commissary appointed for that purpose, by the ecclesiastical authority, or in the manner of commissions or depositions in civil cases. But this provision shall not prevent the oral examination of witnesses who may be present at the trial.

SEC. 5. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are Communicants in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 6. The Convention of the Diocese shall, at every regular session, elect five Presbyters, canonically resident in the Diocese. The Presbyters so elected shall constitute an Ecclesiastical Court for

the trial of Clergymen. The members of the Court so elected shall hold their office until the close of the next regular meeting of the Convention—provided, however, that from any cause there be no election, they shall continue in office until a new election takes place.

SEC. 7. Four of the Court so selected shall constitute a *quorum*, and may proceed with the trial of any presentment.

SEC. 8. Whenever a vacancy occurs in said Court, it shall be filled by the Bishop. And the persons, so appointed to fill said vacancy, shall hold their office until a new Court is elected.

SEC. 9. When the defendant appears, he may plead, generally, "not guilty," to all the charges and specifications; or, he may admit them to be true; or, he may plead "not guilty," to part, and admit the residue. Upon such specifications as are admitted to be true, it shall be the duty of the Court to decide whether they amount to such an offence, as is canonically presentable. And in regard to such specifications as are denied, the said Court shall try the same; and shall pronounce their verdict, either "guilty" or "not guilty," on each specification.

SEC. 10. Upon the finding of the Court that the defendant is guilty upon one or more of the specifications; or in case they are of opinion that the facts admitted to be true amount to a presentable offence, it shall proceed to suggest what sentence, in its opinion, ought to be inflicted. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop to pronounce such judgment as is suggested: *Provided*, always, that in case of judgment other than degradation, the Bishop may, at any time afterwards, with the advice of the Standing Committee, modify or remit said sentence.

SEC. 11. It shall require a concurrence of at least three members of the Court present to find the defendant guilty. Each member of the Court shall be at liberty to record his opinion.

SEC. 12. The Court shall, upon the trial, appoint a Clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep a regular record of each day's proceedings. He shall also record the judgment rendered by the Bishop; and each day's proceedings shall be signed by the members of the Court. A true record of said proceedings so signed, shall be filed with the Standing Committee; and copies, certified by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, shall, in all cases, be received as evidence of said record and proceedings.

SEC. 13. If, from sickness or other necessary cause, any member or members of the Court cannot attend the trial, it shall be the duty of the members of the Court present, to select some other Presbyter or Presbyters to take their place; *Provided*, That when four of the regular members attend, no such appointment shall be made.

SEC. 14. The expenses of the trial shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Church.

SEC. 15. If the accused do not appear, the Court may proceed to trial in his absence; or, for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day: and if he refuse or decline to appear, the Court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, in three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial. And if he does not so report and appear, the Bishop may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SEC. 16. If any member of the Court be the party making the presentment, or be connected by consanguinity or affinity with the party making the presentment, or with the accused, such member shall not preside at such trial.

SEC. 17. All citations and notices in any ecclesiastical proceedings, whether to parties or witnesses, may be served either personally, or by leaving a copy thereof at their residences respectively; the time between the day of service and the day of appearance being not less than twenty days, over and above the ordinary time required to travel to the place of appearance. And in case there is reason to believe that a Minister, against whom any ecclesiastical proceedings have been instituted, has departed from the United States, or that the place of his sojourn cannot be conveniently ascertained, then it shall be sufficient to have a copy of the citation published three times in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State in which he last resided, and also in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State in which he is cited to appear, at least six months before the day of appearance.

SEC. 18. In all cases of presentment of Ministers, where the party accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, sentence of suspension shall be passed for contumacy: which sentence shall continue in force until the party consents to a regular trial.

#### CANON V.

##### OF VACANT PARISHES.

It shall be the business of the Bishop, and, if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee, when informed by the Vestry of either of the Churches in this Diocese, that such Church is not provided with a Minister, (in which information, the means which the Church has for supporting a Minister, shall be stated,) diligently to inquire for and recommend to the Vestry giving such information, a proper person to officiate in the said Church; and they shall report to the Convention, at each annual meeting, what information of vacancies they have received, and their proceedings thereon.

#### CANON VI.

##### OF RESIGNATION OF A PARISH

Whenever any Minister, having charge of a Church or Parish in this Diocese, shall resign such Church or Parish, it shall be the duty

of the Secretary of said Church, and, if there be no Secretary, then of the Wardens, and if there be neither Secretary nor Warden, then of the Vestry, to communicate, in writing, forthwith, to the Bishop, if there be a Bishop, and if not, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, the fact of such resignation.

#### CANON VII.

##### OF THE ELECTION OF BISHOPS.

In the election of a Bishop, the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately, (the Clergy individually, and the Laity by Congregations,) and the concurrence of a majority of each Order shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

#### CANON VIII.

##### OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention, at the session immediately preceding the regular session of each General Convention, shall elect four Clerical and four Lay Deputies to the next ensuing General Convention. And these Deputies shall retain their office, until their successors are elected.

#### CANON IX.

##### OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

In order to secure more effectually an accurate view of the state of the Church, it is hereby made obligatory on every Parish Minister to conform his Parochial Report to the following form, and his failure to comply therewith, shall be deemed a sufficient cause for the exclusion of such report from the pages of the Journal of the Convention.

[The form will be found at the end of the Canons.]

#### CANON X.

##### OF FINANCE.

SECTION 1. A Committee on Finance, consisting of five, (a majority of whom shall be Laymen,) shall be appointed at each session of the Convention, to assess the amount to be contributed by each Parish, to the support of the Episcopate, and to the contingent fund of the Convention, and to whom shall be referred all matters of a financial character.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer shall, at least one month previous to the meeting of every stated Convention, call upon each Vestry, to send the latter amount, including arrearages, if there be any, by the hands of the Delegates to the Convention.

#### CANON XI.

##### OF THE MODE OF ORGANIZING THE CONVENTION.

When the day appointed for the assembling of the Convention has arrived, the Bishop of the Diocese, if he be present, or, in his absence or inability, the President of the Standing Committee, or in

his absence, any Presbyter, on motion, shall take the chair, and call the Convention to order; and the Secretary of the last Convention, or, in his absence, the Secretary of the Standing Committee, or, in his absence, any clerical or lay member named by the presiding officer, shall be, *pro tem.*, Secretary of the Convention. The list of Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, furnished by the Bishop, or, in his absence, by the President of the Standing Committee, shall next be read; the credentials of Lay Delegates shall then be laid on the Secretary's table, and referred to a Committee, consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen, who shall, as soon as may be, report on the same. If it shall appear that a constitutional quorum is present, the presiding officer shall declare the Convention ready for business.

## CANON XII.

### OF EXPENSES IN ATTENDING CONVENTION.

Every Parish shall provide for the expense of its Rector, whilst attending the Convention, and going to and from the same.

## CANON XIII.

### OF CONVOCATIONS.

Convocations shall be held at such times and places as, in the opinion of the Bishop, the interests of the Church require.

At each Convocation, a collection shall be taken up for Diocesan Missions.

## CANON XIV.

### OF TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

SECTION 1. The Convention shall annually elect three responsible Trustees, who shall hold office until the election of their successors, to take charge of and manage, under the direction of the Convention, the Episcopal fund. It shall be the duty of said Trustees to invest said fund, collect the annual interest due thereon, and pay the same, from time to time, to the Bishop. When a vacancy occurs by death, resignation, or removal from the Diocese, it shall be filled by the next Diocesan Convention—the remaining Trustees to have full power to act until the vacancy be filled.

SEC. 2. All bonds, notes, or other moneys, due on account of said fund, shall be made payable to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund for the Diocese of Mississippi, or their successors in office. All bonds or notes now payable to the Standing Committee, shall be transferred to said Trustees.

SEC. 3. Said Trustees shall loan out the principal of said fund in their hands, for such time as they deem best, taking bonds or notes for the repayment of the principal at the stipulated period, and also for the annual payment of the interest. No loan, however, shall be made by the Trustees, unless the same be secured by two responsible sureties, and by deed of trust on unencumbered property, the cash value



of which shall be at least double the amount of the sum loaned. Said deed of trust shall contain a clause authorising the Trustees to sell the property, or so much as may be necessary, whenever there is a default in payment of either principal or interest.

SEC. 4. Said Trustees may, with the consent of the Bishop, invest part of said fund, not exceeding five thousand dollars, in the purchase of a permanent Episcopal residence. And they may, if the money is not collected in notes in their hands, borrow such sum as may be necessary, and mortgage the property purchased for its repayment. The property shall be purchased in their name, as Trustees for the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi.

SEC. 5. Said Trustees shall report to each Convention the amount of money, notes, bonds, or other property, received by them, and from whom, the amount paid out, etc., so that an accurate account of the state of the fund may be always before the Diocese.

SEC. 6. Said Trustees may receive bonds, the principal of which may be made payable at such time as said Trustees may deem advisable: *Provided, however*, that the interest at six per cent, shall be payable annually: *Provided, further*, that when the money is paid on said bonds, the Trustees shall be bound to loan it to the person who paid it, if he should desire it. In such case, the money shall be loaned at legal interest, and shall be secured, as heretofore provided for in Section 3.

#### CANON XV.

##### OF GENERAL TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH.

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund shall be the General Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Mississippi, and as such, are authorized to receive, by will, deed, or otherwise, for the use of the Church, such property and money as may be given to it by any person or persons.

#### CANON XVI.

##### OF OFFERINGS FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Besides individual contributions for Missions or other purposes, it shall be the duty of the Rector of every Parish, to collect, twice a year, the offerings of the Parish for Diocesan Missions, to-wit: on the second Sunday of April, and the second Sunday of October; and if, from any cause, the offerings are not collected on said days, they shall be collected on some subsequent Sunday, and the said Rector shall embrace in his Parochial Report to the Bishop of the Diocese, the amount received at each collection.

#### CANON XVII.

##### OF ATTENDANCE ON CONVENTION.

Every Clergyman, entitled to a seat in the Convention, shall, in case of his inability or failure to attend, communicate in writing, his reasons therefor to the Bishop, at the session of the Convention, or in one month thereafter.

### Form of Parochial Reports.

*As required by Canon IX. of this Diocese.*

The Rector (or Minister) of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, at \_\_\_\_\_ county, reports to the Bishop (or Convention) of the Diocese, of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of his Parish :

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baptisms—Adults, white,	-	-	-	-	-	} Total, —
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	
Children, white,	-	-	-	-	-	
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	
Confirmations—White,	-	-	-	-	-	} Total, —
Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	
Communicants—Former number, White,	-	-	-	-	-	} Total, —
Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	
Added,	-	-	-	-	-	—
Died,	-	-	-	-	-	} Total, —
Removed,	-	-	-	-	-	
Present number, White,	-	-	-	-	-	} Total, —
Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	-	} Total, —
Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	—
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	} Total, —
“ Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection,	-	-	} \$ —
Second “	-	-	
From Individual Cont'b's,	-	-	
From other sources,	-	-	
For Domestic Missions,	-	-	—
For Foreign Missions,	-	-	—
For Communion Alms,	-	-	—
For Bishop's Salary,	-	-	—
For Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	-	-	—
For Parochial Schools,	-	-	—
For Other purposes, as follows :	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

Total contributions, - - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_, Rector.

State also any matters of fact which show the condition of the Parish.

### Form for the Organization of New Parishes.

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We, the subscribers, assembled for the purpose of organizing a Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the town of ———, county of ———, and State of Mississippi, after due notice given, do hereby agree to form a Parish, to be known by the name of ——— Church, and as such, do hereby acknowledge and accede to the doctrine, discipline and worship, the Constitution and Canons, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the same Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and we do accordingly now appoint ———, [not less than three, nor more than eleven persons, naming them,] to be the first Vestry of ——— Church; and ———, [two persons, naming them,] to be the first Wardens, to continue in office until Easter Monday, A. D., ———, and until others be chosen in their place: And an election of Vestrymen shall hereafter be held on Easter Monday of each successive year, or as soon thereafter as may be.

Witness our hands at ———, county of ———, and State of Mississippi, this ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord, ———.

**PROCEEDINGS**  
OF THE  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY,**  
FOR  
**DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE**  
IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

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JACKSON, April 23, 1858.

The Society met in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

*Present*—The Right Rev. WM. M. GREEN, President,  
Rev. JAS. A. FOX, and } Vice Presidents,  
Mr. M. W. EWING, }  
JAMES ROACH, Secretary,

And a large attendance of Clergy and Laity.

The Society being called to order, the proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary and Treasurer read his Report of the transactions of the Society for the past year, and submitted his accounts and vouchers, which were referred to Messrs. M. W. Ewing and T. V. Nolan, as a Committee of Examination, who reported the same as correct.

On motion, the Society proceeded to the election of Officers and Managers for the ensuing year, when the following were declared to be unanimously elected :

First Vice President, Rev. JAS. A. FOX ; Second Vice President, JAS. S. JOHNSTON ; Third Vice President, M. W. EWING.

Managers, GEORGE S. YERGER, W. McWILLIE, W. HARDEMAN, W. C. SMEDES, E. C. LAUGHLIN.

Secretary and Treasurer, J. ROACH, Vicksburg.

It was, on motion,—

*Resolved*, That the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, now in session, be respectfully requested to cause the Proceedings of this meeting, its Reports, and the Constitution of the Society, to be printed in an Appendix to the Journal of said Convention, with a view of bringing the objects of the Society more fully to the knowledge of the Church in the Diocese.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Miller, it was—

*Resolved*, That the Convention now in session, be requested to

consider the expediency of so amending Canon XIII., on Convocations, as to ensure the assembling of four or more Convocations during each year, with a view in part to aid the funds of this Society, and thereby to give more efficiency to its operations.

On motion of Mr. Yerger, the following amendment to the Constitution was adopted by an unanimous vote :

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi, be amended as follows :

1. Each regularly organized Parish shall be considered as an Auxiliary or Branch Society.

2. The Rector of such Parish shall be President of the said Auxiliary Society. He shall appoint four persons, two of whom shall be Ladies, to solicit donations, and to procure members for the Society. Payment for membership shall not be confined to one dollar, but may be one dollar or more per annum.

3. It shall be the duty of the President of the Auxiliary Society to receive and remit all funds contributed in his Parish to the Treasurer.

The remainder of the session was devoted to an interesting debate, having for its object the furtherance of Missionary efforts in this Diocese ; on the conclusion of which—

The Society adjourned *sine die*.

J. ROACH,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

### Report of the Secretary and Treasurer, *Of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi.*

RT. REV. WM. M. GREEN, D. D., PRESIDENT :

*Dear Sir*—The undersigned, Secretary and Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge in this Diocese, submits herewith his statement of the Receipts and Expenditures for the year. The Receipts are from—

Forty-one Annual and Occasional Contributors,	-	\$ 97 00
Three Life Members, (contributing at one time \$20 or more,) -	-	70 00
The Ladies' Working Society of Osyka, -	-	12 50
Refunded to the Rev. A. B. Peabody, late of the Diocese,	-	37 50
Seven Parishes have paid through their Churches, -	-	581 45
Total Receipts for the year, -		\$798 45
Balance in hand at last Report, 23d April, 1857, -	-	451 15
		<hr/> \$1,249 60

## PAYMENTS.

Five Missionaries,	-	-	\$420 00
Two Students at Nashotah,	-	-	888 50
Prayer Books, Tracts and other Publications,	-	-	142 60
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Balance in Treasury, at this date, - - \$348 50

Besides note of \$280, bearing 8 per cent. interest, for life memberships funded, as reported last year. The details of the Receipts and Payments accompany this, marked respectively A. and B.; also, the Treasurer's account marked C., with proper vouchers for the payments.

The receipts of the Society are smaller this year, than in any year since that of its organization. Of the entire receipts, \$798 45, more than half, has been contributed by one Parish, (Trinity, Natchez.) Up to the receipt of this large contribution, the Treasury was empty, and some of the Missionaries unpaid. Of the thirty-four Parishes in connection with the Convention, only seven have forwarded any sums collected in accordance with Canon 16.

The great falling off in the receipts of the Society, and the diminished interest manifested in its operations, may in a great measure be attributed to the manner in which its Annual Meetings, for two or three years past, have been conducted. Formerly, its Annual Meetings were held at some convenient hour, its operations carefully scrutinized, its accounts carefully examined, and plans of future usefulness were suggested, discussed and adopted. Of late years, the meetings have been held at some unseasonable hour, generally at the close of a long night service and sermon, when the members are too weary to enter on new subjects and anxious to reach their homes—the few who can be induced to remain, hear the proceedings of the Annual Meeting read, a hasty examination is made of the accounts, all the officers are re-elected, and the meeting adjourns *sine die*; and nothing more is heard and but little thought of the Society, till the next year the proceeding is repeated.

Respectfully submitted.

J. ROACH,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

A.  
RECEIPTS

OF PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOW-  
LEDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI,

*For the Year Ending on the 21st of April, 1858.*

From Mrs. W. C. Stout, (Marshall county,) life member,	\$25 00
" D. Tilton Bigelow, Esq., Vicksburg, do.	20 00
" Rev. W. Parker Scott, Yazoo, do.	25 00

" Forty-one annual and occasional contributors,	-	97 00
" The Ladies Working Society of Osyka,	-	12 50
" Refunded by Rev. A. B. Peabody, Missionary,	-	37 50
" Grace Church, Canton, collected at Convention,	-	45 30
" St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, one contribution,	-	25 00
" St. Andrew's Church, Marshall Co., one "	-	12 00
" St. John's Church, Annadale, two contributions,	-	10 00
" Calvary Church, Holmes Co., one contribution,	-	5 00
" Christ Church, Vicksburg, two contributions,	-	84 15
" Trinity Church, Natchez, one contribution,	-	400 00

Total receipts during the year, - - \$793 45

J. ROACH, Treasurer.

### B.

### PAYMENTS

OF PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN  
KNOWLEDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

*For the Year Ending 21st April, 1858.*

To Rev. C. W. Whitall, Missionary,	-	\$200 00
To Rev. Mr. McGuffey, "	-	120 00
To Rev. Mr. Peabody, "	-	25 00
To Rev. Mr. Elwell, "	-	50 00
To Rev. J. S. Greene, "	-	25 00
To Mr. George Stewart, Student at Nashotah,	-	162 50
To Mr. M. Leander Weller, Student at Nashotah,	-	175 00
To Freight on Journals of Convention,	-	1 25
To Book Society, Books purchased,	-	41 10
To printing and binding 1000 Salaries of Clergy,	-	60 00
To Free Churches, 100 Copies and freight,	-	18 75
To Books purchased by Bishop in Philadelphia,	-	21 50

Total payments during the year, - - \$901 10

J. ROACH, Treasurer.

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JAMES ROACH, *Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society,  
for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi.*

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Ap'l 23. To Balance on hand reported,	-	\$451 15
" 26. To Mrs. Stout, Marshall Co., Life, \$25; E. J. Hinton, \$1; Mrs. Hinton, \$15; Dr. Hem- mingway, \$1; Mr. Pearce, \$1; Col. Drane, \$1; Capt. Sneed, \$1; Rev. Mr. Stout and family, \$5; Collection during Convention, Grace, Canton, \$45 30,	-	95 30

May 4.	To Rev. T. D. Ozanne, Rector St. Andrew's Jackson	25 00
May 16.	To St. Andrew's, Marshall Co., (Lamar P. O.)	12 00
	To Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Mrs. J. E. Ramsey, Miss Sue Long, Miss J. Vaughn, Miss S. J. Vaughn, Master H. M. Waddell, \$1 each; W. Skinner, \$3,	9 00
July 6.	To St. John's, Annadale, - - - - -	5 00
July 9.	To Calvary, Holmes, collected in May, - - - - -	5 00
Sept. 25.	To Ladies Working Society, Osyka, - - - - -	12 50
	To Dr. C. Y. Thompson, Winston Co., - - - - -	2 00
Oct. 2.	To Refunded by Rev. A. B. Peabody, - - - - -	37 50
Nov. 9.	To Miss A. Bigelow, - - - - -	10 00
Dec. 1.	To St. John's, Annadale, - - - - -	5 00
Dec. 28.	To Christ Church, Vicksburg, collection, 1858. - - - - -	33 90
Jan. 5.	To D. T. Bigelow, life member, - - - - -	20 00
Jan. 20.	To Miss C. A. Heirne, - - - - -	3 00
Feb. 15.	To Mrs. Ann Hampton, \$5; Dr. Thompson, \$2, per Bishop, - - - - -	7 00
Mar. 11.	To Rev. Parker Scott, Life, - - - - -	25 00
Mar. 17.	Mrs. C. Slaughter, Miss J. Slaughter, Mrs. S. M. Stanton, Jas S. Slaughter, Dr. J. B. Hudson, Mrs. M. H. Hudson, W. H. Jordan, Mrs. E. Jordan, Thos. S. Stanton, Mrs. M. E. Slaughter, \$1 each, - - - - -	10 00
	To Lucinda Davis Stamps, - - - - -	10 00
	To Mrs. Green, Bishop Green and children, - - - - -	10 00
Ap'l 8.	To Trinity Church, Natchez, - - - - -	400 00
" 18.	To Rev. F. W. Damus, by E. C. L., - - - - -	10 00
" 18.	To Christ Church, Vicksburg, collected second Sunday after Easter, - - - - -	50 25
" 18.	To Cora Bigelow, - - - - -	1 00
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May 20	By Bishop's order, favor Rev. Chas. W. Whittall, No. 1, - - - - -	\$100 00
	By Bishop's order, favor Rev. C. McGuffey, No. 1, - - - - -	50 00
May 28	By Bishop's order, favor Rev. A. B. Peabody, No. 2 - - - - -	25 00
May 30	By Bishop's order, favor Geo. Stewart, Student, No. 3, - - - - -	87 50
June 1	By Bishop's order, favor Rev. C. McGuffey's board, 3 months, No. 4, - - - - -	45 00
June 8	By Bishop's order, for freight on Journals, No. 5, - - - - -	1 25
June 30	By Bishop's order, favor Book Society Books, No. 6, - - - - -	41 10
July 18	By Bishop's order, favor Rev. F. Elwell, Missionary, No. 7, - - - - -	25 00



Aug. 31	By Bishop's order, favor M. L. Weller, \$100 and premium, No. 8,	-	-	101 00
Sept. 12	By Bishop's order, favor Rev. C. McGuffy, No. 9,	-	-	25 00
Sept. 24	By Bishop's order, favor Rev. Mr. Elwell, No. 10,	-	-	25 00
Sept. 27	By Bishop's order, favor Rev. J. S. Green, No. 11,	-	-	25 00
Jan. 6	By Bishop's order, favor M. L. Weller, Nashota, No. 12,	-	-	50 00
	By Bishop's order, favor Geo. Stewart, No. 13,	-	-	50 00
	By Bishop's order, Printing and binding 1000 Salaries of Clergy, No. 14,	-	-	60 00
Mar. 16	By Bishop's order, favor 100 copies Free Church, and freight, No. 15,	-	-	18 75
Mar. 17	By Bishop's order, favor Books bought by Bishop, in Philadelphia, No. 16,	-	-	21 50
Ap'l 9	By Bishop's order, sent Geo. Stewart, at Nashville, No. 13,	-	-	25 00
Ap'l 9	By Bishop's order, favor M. L. Weller, No. 12,	-	-	25 00
Ap'l 9	By Bishop's order, favor Rev. Chas. W. Whitall, Missionary, No. 17,	-	-	100 00
Ap'l 21	By Balance on hand,	-	-	348 50
				<b>\$1,249 60</b>

### Note.

Amounts paid in during the session of the Convention, towards the Treasury of the Protestant Episcopal Society, for diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi :

From St. Philip's, Kirkwood,	-	-	\$15 00
" Dr. Wm. Hemingway,	-	-	1 00
" St. Matthew's Church, Clinton,	-	-	2 75
" Mrs. Martha M. Weller,,	-	-	5 00
" Rev. W. C. Stout, Mary E. Stout, W. J. Stout, James J. Stout, John W. Stout,	-	-	5 00
" A. Smedes, J. D. Shields, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Sansom, Mr. Ward, Rev. J. Foster, Geo. V. Elwell, \$1 each,	-	-	7 00
" "E." through the Bishop,	-	-	10 00
" Thos. R. Shields, life member,	-	-	20 00
" Mrs. Ann Ewing,	-	-	5 00
" Rev. T. D. Ozanne, St. Andrew's, Jackson, a collection,	-	-	32 85

## CONSTITUTION

### OF SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the *Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi*.

ART. II. All Clergymen, canonically resident in the Diocese, shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Society, and such Laymen as shall pay the sums hereinafter mentioned.

ART. III. The officers of the Society shall be the Bishop as President; a first, second and third, Vice President; a Secretary or General Agent, and a Treasurer. When there is a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Society shall elect from the Presbyters, a President. The Vice Presidents, according to their numerical order, shall, in the absence, or by request of the President, perform the duties of President.

ART. IV. A committee of five, to be annually elected, shall constitute a Board of Managers. The Secretary of the Society shall be *ex officio*, Secretary of the Board of Managers. A majority of the Managers shall constitute a quorum to do business. They shall have power to make such by-laws as they deem necessary.

ART. V. The Board of Managers shall establish a Diocesan Depository, and such branches as may be deemed necessary. They shall distribute the Bible, the Prayer Book, and such religious Tracts and other works, only, as may be approved by the Bishop, or the Board of Managers. Any person desirous to sell or distribute such books in the Diocese by authority of the Church, may be licensed to do so by the Bishop, and shall be allowed a reasonable compensation therefor out of the Society funds.

ART. VI. Missionaries employed by the Bishop, shall be allowed such salaries as he may direct, to be paid out of the funds of the Society. The President shall report to the Convention, the number of Missionaries aided by it—their different stations or employments—the sums paid to each—what person has been employed to sell books, and the number of tracts and books distributed. The person employed to sell books shall report to the Convention, the amount of

books sold and distributed by him during the year. Said Managers shall, from the funds of the Society, aid in the education of such youths of piety as are recommended by the Bishop, and in general shall have power to adopt and execute such measures as they may deem proper to further the objects of this Society. When the Episcopate is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have the powers confided by this Article to the Bishop.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Society to aid and assist owners of plantations who are desirous to give religious instruction to their slaves, and to give information of such persons to the Bishop, in order that he may provide suitable Missionaries to organize Parishes on said plantations.

ART. VIII. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Society—keep a list of the Missionaries paid or assisted by the Society, and the amount allowed to each. The funds in his hands shall only be paid out by the order of the Managers or of the President. He shall report, at each anniversary meeting, the state of the Society's funds—its property—and present his accounts for examination and settlement.

ART. IX. The Secretary shall keep a Record of the Proceedings of the Board of Managers in a well-bound book. He shall, by virtue of his office, conduct the correspondence, and perform such other acts as the Board of Managers shall direct. He shall copy this Constitution on the Minutes of the first meeting of the Board of Managers.

ART. X. The Society shall meet annually, at the place where the Diocesan Convention is held, on the second day of the Convention, (Such of the Clerical and lay members of the Society as may be present, shall constitute a quorum to do business; and in the absence of the President and Vice President, a President *pro tem.* shall be elected.) A suitable sermon shall be preached during the Convention, upon such day as shall be selected by the Bishop, either by the Bishop, or by some Clergyman appointed by him. After sermon, a collection shall be taken up for the use of the Society.

ART. XI. An election of officers of this Society shall be made at such anniversary meeting; and in case of a failure to elect, then the old officers shall continue in office until an election be held.

ART. XII. Every member, except Clergymen, shall pay at the time of subscription, and annually thereafter, on the first day of January, the sum of one dollar to the Rector of his Parish, or to such other person as shall be authorized to receive the same.

By the payment of twenty dollars, any one may become a life member of the Society, and shall not be subject to the annual assessment thereafter.

ART. XIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all donations which may be made to the Society, and cause a faithful record of the same to be kept, stating the name of the donor and the amount of the benefaction.

ART. XIV. A notice of the Society, its object, terms of membership, and request for such donations as the pious and liberal are disposed to make, shall be inserted as a standing advertisement in such papers published in the Diocese, as are disposed to insert the same without charge.

ART. XV. The President may convene the Board of Managers at any time he thinks proper.

ART. XVI. The Society being intended to assist, but not in any degree to interfere with the authority of the Church, it is hereby declared, that whatever is done by the Society, shall be done in subordination to the authority of the Church, and in accordance with the advice of the Bishop.

ART. XVII. It shall be the duty of each Minister of this Diocese to publicly bring the objects of this Society annually before his Parish, and request the friends of religion to co-operate with him in procuring members and donations. He shall also report quarterly to the Secretary the names of the members, and the amounts received by him, and forward the same to the Treasurer annually.

ART. XVIII. Each regularly organized Parish shall be considered as an Auxiliary or Branch Society.

The Rector of such Parish shall be President of the said Auxiliary Society. He shall appoint four persons, two of whom shall be Ladies, to solicit donations, and to procure members for the Society. Payment for membership shall not be confined to one dollar, but may be one dollar or more per annum.

It shall be the duty of the President of the Auxiliary Society to receive and remit all funds contributed in his Parish to the Treasurer.

ART. XIX. The Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting of the Society, by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present, and shall be published, together with the annual proceedings of the Society, with the Journals of the Convention.

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## DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

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### STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. W. Lord,	Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,
Rev. Henry Sansom,	Mr. W. C. Smedes.
Rev. T. D. Ozanne,	

### TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND AND CHURCH PROPERTY.

Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,  
Mr. James Roach,  
Mr. Wm. C. Smedes.

### DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. W. W. Lord,	Mr. Geo. S. Yerger,
Rev. Jas. A. Fox,	Mr. Wm. C. Smedes,
Rev. Thos. S. Savage,	Mr. Jas. S. Johnston,
Rev. Benj. Halsted,	Mr. M. W. Ewing.

### TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. W. W. Lord,  
Rev. Jas. A. Fox,  
Mr. Geo. S. Yerger.

### ECCLIASTICAL COURT.

Rev. B. M. Miller,	Rev. H. Sansom,
Rev. Jas. A. Fox,	Rev. W. W. Lord.
Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne,	

### SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

Mr. Giles M. Hillyer, Natchez.

### TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

Mr. James Roach, Vicksburg.

### SOCIETY FOR DIFFUSING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

*President*—Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, D. D.

*First Vice President*—Rev. Jas. A. Fox.

*Second Vice President*—Mr. Jas. S. Johnston.

*Third Vice President*—Mr. M. W. Ewing.

*Managers*—Messrs. Geo. S. Yerger, Wm. McWillie, Wm. Harde-  
man, W. C. Smedes, and E. O. Laughlin.

*Secretary and Treasurer*—Mr. James Roach, Vicksburg.

**PARISHES IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION.**

Trinity Church,	Natchez,	Adams county.
St. Paul's Church,	Woodville,	Wilkinson county.
St. Mary's Church,	Laurel Hill,	Adams county.
Christ Church,	Church Hill,	Jefferson county.
Christ Church,	Vicksburg,	Warren county.
St. Paul's Church,	Grand Gulf,	Claiborne county.
St. Matthew's Church,	Clinton,	Hinds county.
St. Mark's Church,	Raymond,	Hinds county.
St. Paul's Church,	Columbus,	Lowndes county.
Christ Church,	Holly Springs,	Marshall county.
St. Andrew's Church,	Jackson,	Hinds county.
Epiphany Church,		Claiborne county.
St. Andrew's Church,		Marshall county.
Trinity Church,	Yazoo City,	Yazoo county.
St. John's Church,	Pontotoc,	Pontotoc county.
Ascension Church,	Hernando,	DeSoto county.
St. John's Church,	Aberdeen,	Monroe county.
Grace Church,	Canton,	Madison county.
St. Philip's Church,	Kirkwood,	Madison county.
St. John's Church,		DeSoto county.
Church of the Crucifixion,		Yazoo county.
St. Luke's Church,	Brandon,	Rankin county.
St. John's Church,	Lake Wash'g'n,	Washington county.
St. James' Church,	Port Gibson,	Claiborne county.
Trinity Church,	Pas Christian,	Harrison county.
St. Peter's Church,	Oxford,	Lafayette county.
Calvary Church,		Holmes county.
St. John's Church,	Early Grove,	Marshall county.
Grace Church,	Okolona,	Chickasaw county.
Church of the Advent,	Washington,	Adams county.
Chapel of the Cross,		Madison county.
Church of the Messiah,		Noxubee county.
St. John's Chapel,	Annadale,	Yazoo county.
Christ Church,	Monticello,	Lawrence county.
St. Thomas' Church,	Pikeville,	Chickasaw county.
Church of the Nativity,	Mt. Albon,	Warren county.
St. Mark's Church,	Mississippi City,	Harrison county.
St. Luke's Church,	Shieldsboro',	Hancock county.

# ASSESSMENTS ON THE PARISHES, MADE BY THE CONVENTION, 1858.

Parishes.	Bishop's Fund.	Contingent Expenses.
Trinity Church, Natchez, - - -	\$500	\$40
Christ Church, Vicksburg, - - -	400	30
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, - - -	300	30
Christ Church, Church Hill, - - -	260	30
Trinity Church, Pas Christian, - - -	120	15
Christ Church, Holly Springs, - - -	100	15
St. Paul's Church, Woodville, - - -	100	15
St. John's Church, Lake Washington, - - -	100	15
Trinity Church, Yazoo City, - - -	80	20
St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood, - - -	75	10
St Paul's Church, Columbus, - - -	60	15
Grace Church, Canton, - - -	65	10
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, - - -	50	10
St. Peter's Church, Oxford, - - -	50	5
Chapel of the Cross, Madison county, - - -	40	5
Church of the Nativity, Mount Albon, - - -	25	5
Epiphany Church, Claiborne county, - - -	20	5
St. John's Church, Aberdeen, - - -	20	5
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton, - - -	20	5
St. Mark's Church, Raymond, - - -	20	5
Calvary Church, Holmes county, - - -	20	5
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf, - - -	20	5
St. John's Church, Annadale, - - -	20	5
St. Luke's Church, Brandon, - - -	15	5
St. John's Church, Pontotoc, - - -	10	5
Messiah Church, Noxubee county, - - -	10	5
Ascension Church, Hernando, - - -	10	5
Grace Church, Okolona, - - -	10	5
St. James' Church, Port Gibson, - - -	10	5
St. John's Church, Early Grove, - - -	10	5
Christ Church, Monticello, - - -	10	5
St. Thomas' Church, Pikeville, - - -	10	5
Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo Co., - - -	10	2 50
St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City, - - -	10	5
St. Luke's Church, Shieldsboro', - - -	10	5
	<hr/> \$2,590	<hr/> \$362 50

### ARREARAGES.

The following Parishes are indebted for Arrearages to either or both of the Funds, for the Support of the Episcopate, or for Contingent Expenses :

<i>Parishes.</i>	<i>Bishop's Salary.</i>	<i>Contingent Expenses.</i>
Christ Church, Holly Springs,	\$120 00	\$40 00
St. Paul's " Columbus,	80 00	15 00
St. Peter's " Oxford,	80 00	5 00
Epiphany, " Claiborne county,	58 00	
St. John's " Pontotoc,	40 00	15 00
Advent, " Washington,	60 00	15 00
St. Mark's " Raymond,	20 00	
St. Luke's " Brandon,	30 00	
Messiah, " Noxubee county,	10 00	5 00
Ascension " Hernando,	10 00	
Grace " Okolona,	10 00	
St. James' " Port Gibson,	5 00	5 00
St. John's " DeSoto,	40 00	20 00

Total Arrearages,	-	-	\$513 00	\$120 00
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The Treasurer of the Diocese acknowledges the receipt, since the date of his Report, of the arrearages from the following Parishes : Christ Church, Vicksburg ; St. Paul's, Woodville ; St. Andrew's, Marshall county ; St. John's, Early Grove ; Crucifixion, Yazoo county ; Christ Church, Monticello ; and from Ascension Church, Hernando, ten dollars.

The Treasurer of the Convention, acknowledges the receipt, since the date of his Report, of arrearages due the Contingent Expense Fund, from the following named Parishes : St. Andrew's, Jackson ; St. Paul's, Woodville ; Epiphany, Claiborne county ; St. Mark's, Raymond ; Christ Church, Monticello.

#### WHEN AND WHERE TO BE PAID.

The amount of the Assessments mentioned on the foregoing page, as levied for the Support of the Episcopate, should be remitted to Mr. James Roach, Treasurer of the Diocese, at Vicksburg, as follows : One-fourth thereof on the first days of July, October, January and April, respectively.

The amount of Assessments made for Contingent Expenses, should be remitted to Mr. Giles M. Hillyer, Treasurer of the Convention, at Natchez, on or before the first day of April, 1859.

*The amount of Arrearages now outstanding and due to either Fund, should be remitted without delay, to the one, or the other, of the above named officers, as the case may be.*



## RULES OF ORDER,

*As Adopted by the Diocesan Convention of 1858.*

1. The Convention shall be opened with prayer by the Bishop on the morning of every day during the session.

2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the Chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convention.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member, who shall be in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the discussion.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it—and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay upon the table and to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

10. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

12. The names of the movers of resolutions shall not appear upon the Minutes of this Convention.

13. The Reports of all Committees shall be in writing, and shall be received, of course, and without motion, unless re-committed by vote of the Convention. All Reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the Convention, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Convention therein.

14. If the question under debate contain several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided at the request of any member, and

a vote taken separately, except that a motion to strike out and insert, shall be indivisible.

15. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without debate; but any member may appeal from such decision; and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once, without express leave of the Convention.

16. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after amendment to such second amendment, shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be received under color of a substitute.

17. The first thing in order, after the Convention is declared organized, and ready for business, shall be the election of a Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, for the ensuing year.

18. The adoption of Rules of Order for the government of the Convention, and the reading of said Rules by the Secretary.

19. The appointment of the following Standing Committees, viz : 1st, On Credentials; 2d, On the Admission of New Congregations; 3d, On the State of the Church; 4th, On Finance; 5th, On Constitution and Canons; 6th, On Diocesan Schools; 7th, On Unfinished Business.

20. The reading of the Bishop's Journal and Address.

21. The reading of the Parochial Reports.

22. The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Convention.

23. The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

24. The reading of the Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

25. The reading of Reports from Committees, appointed by the last Convention.

26. Designation of time and place for holding the next Convention.

27. The election of Diocesan Officers—1st, the members of the Standing Committee; 2d, Treasurer of the Diocese; 3d, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund; 4th, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; 5th, Members of the Ecclesiastical Court; 6th, Deputies to General Convention, (when required); 7th, any other Diocesan Officers necessary to be elected.

28. Reports of Standing Committees.

29. Reports from Special Committees.

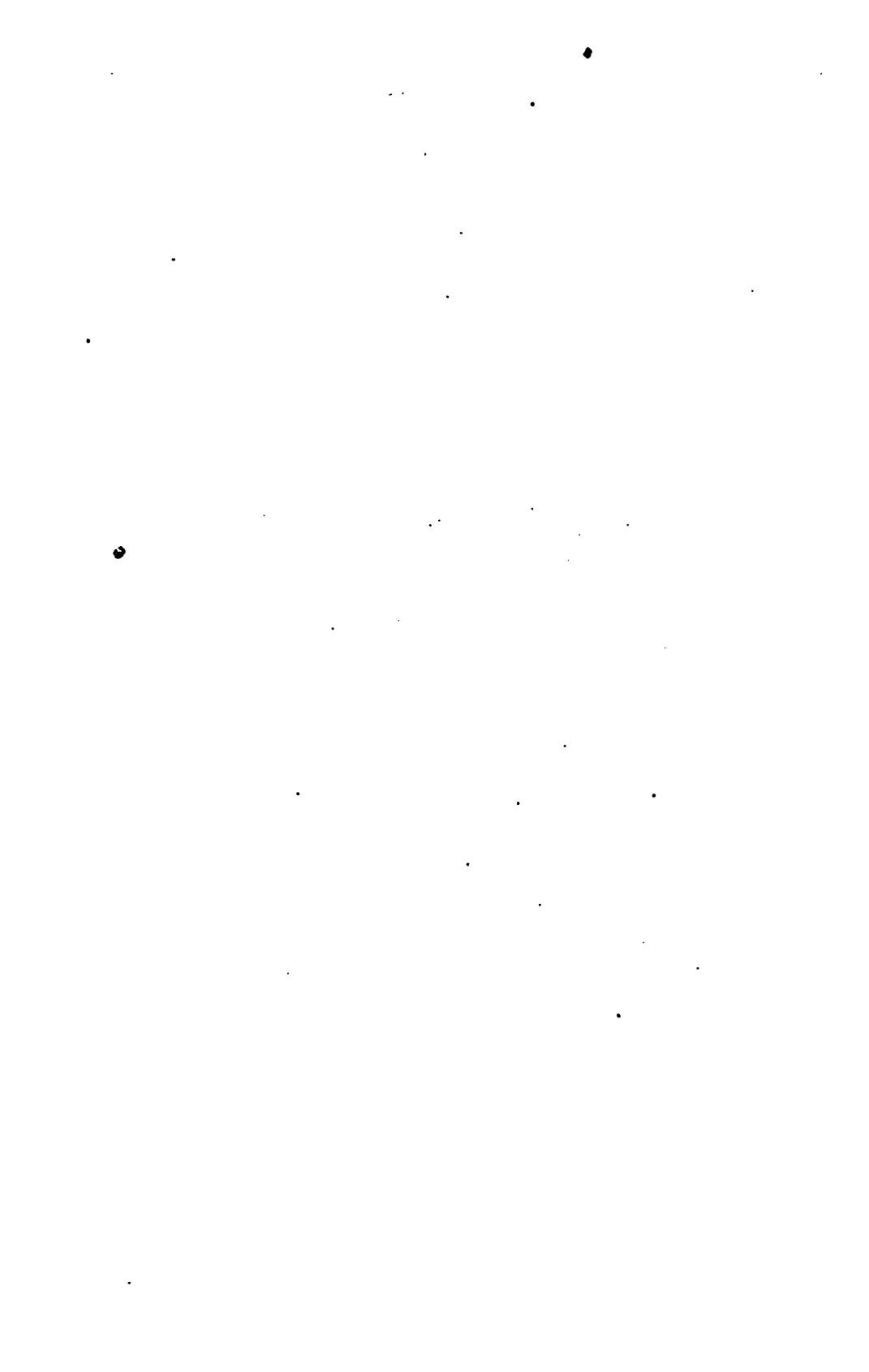
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## NOTICE.

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THE NEXT ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Protestant Episcopal Church, will be held in Trinity Church, Natchez, the *fourth Thursday in April*, 1859.

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 All Communications intended for the Secretary or Treasurer of the Convention, should be addressed to him at *Natchez, Mississippi.*

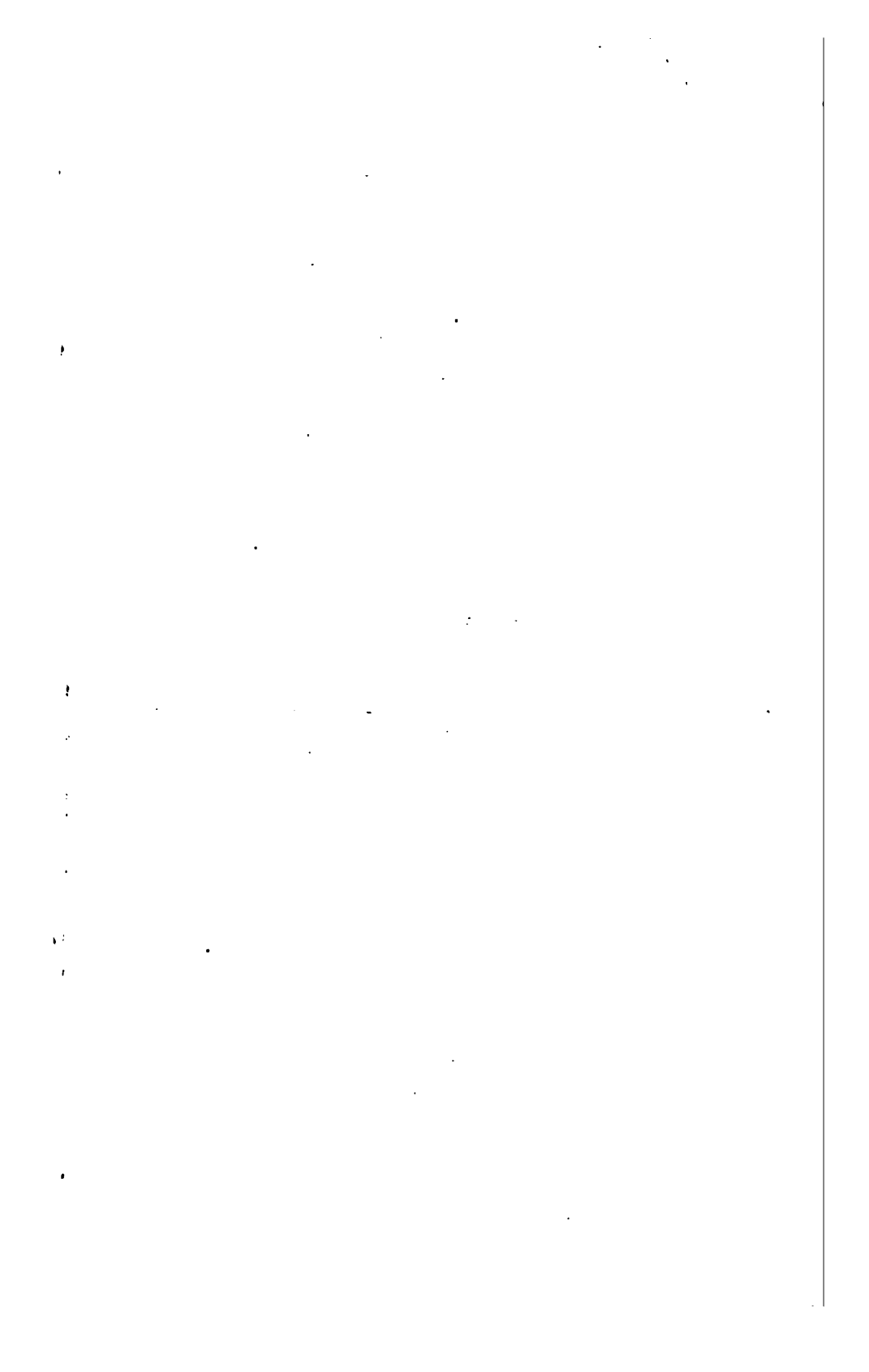
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# ROLL OF THE CLERGY.

[THE ASTERISK DENOTES THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.]

- \*Bt. Rev. WM. MERCER GREEN, D. D., Jackson.
- Rev. Frederick A. P. Barnard, L.L. D., President of the State University, and officiating at St. Peter's Church, Oxford.
- Rev. Frederick W. Boyd: residing near Natchez.
- \*Rev. Robert F. Clute, Rector of St. John's Church, Pontotoc, and of Grace Church, Okolona: Postoffice, Okolona.
- \*Rev. Wm. Croes Crane, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.
- Rev. Frederick W. Damus, Missionary at Diamond Place and Hurricane: Postoffice, Vicksburg.
- \*Rev. Elijah H. Downing, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood.
- Rev. Frederick Elwell, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Brandon, and of St. Matthew's Church, Clinton: Postoffice, Brandon.
- Rev. John Foster, Rector of Trinity Church, Yazoo City.
- \*Rev. James A. Fox: residence, Bovina, Warren County.
- \*Rev. James D. Gibson, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbus.
- \*Rev. John Gierlow, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne County: Postoffice, Port Gibson.
- Rev. James S. Greene: Postoffice, Malcolm.
- \*Rev. Benjamin Halsted, Rector of Calvary Church, Holmes County: Postoffice, Icona.
- Rev. Gilbert B. Hayden.
- \*Rev. Joseph H. Ingraham, Rector of Christ Church, Holly Springs.
- Rev. Wm. G. H. Jones.
- \*Rev. Wm. W. Lord, Rector of Christ Church, Vicksburg.
- Rev. Andrew Matthews, Rector of Church of the Ascension, Hernando.
- \*Rev. Benjamin M. Miller, Rector of Christ Church, Church Hill.
- Rev. Thomas D. Osanne, Jackson: Chaplain at the Penitentiary.
- \*Rev. Gideon B. Perry, D. D., L.L. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Natchez.
- Rev. Charles Reighley, D. D.: Postoffice, Detroit, Michigan.
- Rev. Henry Sansom, Rector of Grace Church, Canton; of the Chapel of the Cross, Madison County, and of the Church of St. Alban's, Warren County: Postoffice, Canton.
- Rev. Thomas S. Savage, M. D., officiating at St. Luke's Church, Shieldsboro': Postoffice, Pas Christian.
- Rev. Wm. Parker Scott: Postoffice, Yazoo City.
- Rev. Robert D. Shindler, officiating at St. John's Church, Early Grove.
- \*Rev. George W. Sill, Rector of Trinity Church, Pas Christian.
- Rev. Benjamin R. Smyser, Deacon, officiating at St. Mark's Church, Raymond; at the Church of the Saviour, Oayka, and at Zion Church, Terry: Postoffice, Jackson.
- Rev. Wm. C. Stout, officiating at St. John's Church, Aberdeen.
- †Rev. J. Newton Watson, Postoffice, Little Rock, Ark.
- Rev. Charles H. Williamson, M. D., officiating at the Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi, and at St. Mark's, Mississippi City: Postoffice, Biloxi.

†Not entitled to a seat, for want of Canonical residence.

## CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

Mr. George Stewart.....Nashotah.	Mr. J. Canova Harris.....Nashotah.
Mr. M. Leander Weller....."	Mr. Wm. H. Phillips....."

# ROLL OF LAY DELEGATES,

WHOSE CREDENTIALS WERE LAID BEFORE THE CONVENTION OF 1859.

Those marked (\*) attended its sittings.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
Trinity Church, Natches.....	Hon'ble Edward Turner*....	J. T. McMurran*
	Giles M. Hillyet*....	Oscar Kibbe*....
	Colonel Joseph D. Shields*....	John T. Butler....
St. Paul's.. Woodville.....	C. C. West.....	
	J. P. Dillingham....	
	H. R. Davis.....	
Christ.. Church Hill.....	Jas. S. Johnston*....	
	Thos. R. Shields, Sr*....	
	Wm. B. Shields....	
Christ.. Vicksburg.....	Hon'ble Alex. Montgomery..	
	Hon'ble Wm. C. Smedes....	
	Major.. Jas. Roach*.....	
St. Mark's.. Raymond.....	Hon'ble A. L. Dabney.....	
	Geo. Latimer, M.D....	
	O. V. Shearer.....	
St. Paul's.. Columbus.....	G. A. Chandler.....	Isaac Winston...
	Richard Evans.....	B. A. Vaughn, M.D.
	Chas. Baskerville....	James Pescott....
St. Andrew's.. Jackson.....	Geo. S. Yerger*.....	
	John Duncan*.....	
	Ed. M. Yerger.....	
Epiphany.. Claiborne.....	W. Patterson, M.D....	
	T. B. Magruder, M.D.	
	Thos. Aby.....	
Grace.. Canton.....	A. Sneed*.....	S. L. Mosby.....
	C. C. Shackelford....	T. C. Tupper.....
	Wesley Drane.....	W. M. C. Jones...
St. Philip's.. Kirkwood.....	His Ex. Wm. McWillie....	
	W. Hemingway, M.D.	
	Captain Adam McWillie..	
Trinity.. Pas Christian.....	W. B. Lightfoot....	
	G. D. Butler.....	
	P. B. McCutcheon....	
Calvary.. Holmes County.....	T. T. Meade, M.D.*....	
	E. M. Eggleston....	
St. John's.. Pontotoc.....	E. W. Rootes.....	
	B. C. Earle.....	
	E. C. Bolton.....	
Grace.. Okolona.....	Chilian S. Howe....	
	Charles Gates.....	
	John E. Tucker, M.D.	
St. Matthew's.. Clinton.....	Major.. J. M. Greaves.....	
	W. H. Hinton.....	
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## TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHEZ,

THURSDAY AFTER EASTER, }  
APRIL 28, 1859. }

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Thirty-third Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, the Rt. Reverend WM. MERCER GREEN, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese, called the Convention to order at ten o'clock, A.M., and opened the same with prayer.

The Roll of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, as furnished by the Bishop, was then called by the Secretary of the last Annual Convention, and the following Clergy were found to be present:

The Rt. Rev. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D.D.

Rev. W. Croes Crane,  
Rev. Elijah H. Downing,  
Rev. James A. Fox,  
Rev. James D. Gibson,  
Rev. John Gierlow,  
Rev. Benjamin Halsted,

Rev. Joseph H. Ingraham,  
Rev. William W. Lord,  
Rev. Benjamin M. Miller,  
Rev. Gideon B. Perry, D.D., LL.D.  
Rev. George W. Sill,  
Rev. C. W. Williamson, M. D.

Credentials of Lay Delegates from Trinity Church, Natchez; St. Paul's Church, Woodville; Christ Church, Church Hill; Christ Church, Vicksburg; St. Mark's Church, Raymond; St. Paul's Church, Columbus; St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; Epiphany Church, Claiborne County; Grace Church, Canton; St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood; Trinity Church, Pas Christian; Calvary Church, Holmes County; were laid upon the Secretary's table and referred to the Rev. George W. Sill, Hon. Edward Turner and Mr. C. C. West, as a Committee, who, after a brief recess, reported the same as correct.

Whereupon, the Report having been received, the list of names was called, and the following Lay Delegates appeared and took their seats in the Convention:

*Trinity Church, Natchez*—Hon. Edward Turner, Giles M. Hillyer, and Jos. D. Shields; and J. T. McMurren, and Oscar Kibbe, alternates.

*St. Paul's Church, Woodville*—C. C. West.

*Christ Church, Church Hill*—W. B. Shields.

*St. Andrew's Church, Jackson*—George S. Yerger, and John Duncan.

*Grace Church, Canton*—A. Sneed.

*Calvary Church, Holmes County*—Dr. T. T. Meade.

A constitutional quorum of the Clergy and Lay Delegates being ascertained to be present, the Bishop of the Diocese declared the Convention duly constituted, and ready to proceed to business.

The Convention proceeded to the election of Secretary and Treasurer of

the Convention, when, the taking of the ballot having been by an unanimous vote dispensed with, Giles M. Hillyer was unanimously re-elected to said offices.

On motion, the Rules of Order adopted by the last Convention of this Diocese, were adopted for the present one.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Clergymen of this Diocese not entitled to seats; also, Clergymen of other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to honorary seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until after Divine Service.

Divine Service was celebrated at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. W. Croes Crane, of Jackson, read the Morning Service, assisted by the Rev. Jehn Gierlow, of Claiborne County; and the Rev. Benjamin Halsted, of Lexington, preached from St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians: Chapter III: Verses 14 and 15.

After Divine Service, the Convention was again called to order, by the Rt. Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese.

On motion, the Rules of Order were so far suspended, as to allow of immediately proceeding to the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

With unanimous consent, the vote by ballot was dispensed with, and the following gentlemen were declared duly elected:

Rev. W. W. Lord,	
Rev. Henry Sansom,	Mr. George S. Yerger,
Rev. Wm. Croes Crane,	Mr. W. C. Smedes.

The Rt. Reverend, the President of the Convention, announced the appointment of the following

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Credentials*—Rev. George W. Sill, and Messrs. Ed. Turner and C. C. West.

*On the Admission of New Congregations*—Rev. E. H. Downing, and Messrs. George S. Yerger, and A. Sneed.

*On the State of the Church*—Revs. G. B. Perry, D. D., W. W. Lord, J. A. Fox, Jas. D. Gibson, and John Gierlow.

*On Finance*—Messrs. J. S. Johnston, Ed. Turner, George S. Yerger, J. D. Shields, and Jas. Roach.

*On Constitution and Canons*—Revs. W. Croes Crane and W. W. Lord; and Messrs. G. M. Hillyer, John Duncan, and Alex. Montgomery.

*On Diocesan Schools*—Revs. Henry Sansom, J. H. Ingraham, and B. M. Miller.

*On Unfinished Business*—Rev. Benjamin Halsted, and Messrs. W. B. Shields and T. T. Meade.

Certified copies of the Articles of Association of the Church of the Redeemer, Coahoma County; of the Church of the Saviour, at Osyka, Pike County; and of the Church of the Redeemer, at Biloxi; together with the several proceedings at their adoption, were laid before the Convention, read and referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.

Parochial Reports were read from the following named Parishes, viz: St.

Paul's Church, Woodville; Christ Church, Church Hill; St. Mark's Church, Raymond; St. Paul's Church, Columbus; Christ Church, Holly Springs; St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; Epiphany Church, Claiborne County; St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County; Ascension Church, Hernando; St. John's Church, Aberdeen; Grace Church, Canton; St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood; Trinity Church, Pas Christian; St. Peter's Church, Oxford; Calvary Church, Holmes County; Chapel of the Cross, Madison County; Christ Church, Monticello; Church of the Nativity, Mt. Albon; St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City; St. Luke's Church, Shieldsboro':

As also, Reports from the Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi; Church of the Saviour, Osyka; Zion's Church, Terry;

As also, Reports from the Rev. F. W. Boyd; Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne, Chaplain at the State Penitentiary; Rev. W. Parker Scott; Rev. R. D. Shindler; which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

It was ordered, that hereafter the morning sessions of this Convention be from nine o'clock, A. M. to three o'clock, P. M., with a recess for Divine Service at eleven o'clock.

The Convention, on motion, adjourned, to meet again at nine o'clock, on Friday morning.

Divine Service was celebrated on Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Jas. D. Gibson, of Columbus, read the Evening Service, assisted by the Rev. E. H. Downing, of Kirkwood; and the Rev. John Gierlow, of Claiborne County, preached from the Gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter XI: Verse 22.

### TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHEZ,

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1859.

The Convention was called to order at half-past nine o'clock, A. M., by the Rt. Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, who opened it with prayer.

The Roll of Clerical and Lay Delegates was called, and there were found present as on yesterday, with the addition of the following:

*Of the Clergy*—Rev. Robt. F. Clute.

*Of the Laity*—(from Christ Church, Church Hill.)—Jas. S. Johnston.

Under the resolution adopted yesterday, the Rev. John Fulton, of the Diocese of Louisiana, took a seat in the Convention.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Credentials of Lay Delegates from St. John's Church, Pontotoc, and Grace Church, Okolona, were laid upon the Secretary's table, and referred to the Committee on Credentials, who reported the same as correct.

Parochial Reports were read from Christ Church, Vicksburg; St. John's Church, Pontotoc; and Grace Church, Okolona; and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on the Admission of New Congregations, presented the following Report:



## REPORT

### ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS.

The Committee on the Admission of New Congregations, respectfully report that the following new parishes apply to be admitted into union with this Convention, viz :

The Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi, Harrison County ;  
The Church of the Saviour, Osyka, Pike County, and  
The Church of the Redeemer, Coahoma County.

The Articles of Association adopted by the two first named parishes, and the proceedings at their adoption, being in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, the Committee recommend that these parishes be admitted. They cannot include in their recommendation the last named parish, that parish having failed to lay before the Convention a certified copy of their Articles of Association, and of the proceedings at their adoption.

The Committee offer in conclusion the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi, Harrison County, and the Church of the Saviour, Osyka, Pike County, be hereby admitted into union with this Convention.

E. H. DOWNING, for Committee.

Which Report was read, and on motion, adopted ; and thereupon the said parishes of the Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi, Harrison County, and the Church of the Saviour, Osyka, Pike County, were received into union with the Convention.

The President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, Rev. W. W. Lord, presented the following Report from that Committee, which was read and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes :

## REPORT

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee beg leave to state that in the absence of the Secretary, who has in his possession the book containing the Records, they can only make a very general report. They have passed the testimonials of George C. Harris, Geo. Stewart, and M. Leander Waller, for Deacon's Orders, and of H. C. Harris and Wm. H. Philips, applying to become candidates for Orders. They also held a meeting to consider the Resolution of the last Diocesan Convention, authorizing them to appoint some suitable agent to visit the several parishes in the Diocese, for the purpose of obtaining an endowment for the support of the Episcopate. The Committee regret to state that they could find no prominent Layman who was able to devote his time and talents to this great and necessary work. They therefore resolved to decline making any further efforts to carry out the views of the Convention. At a recent meeting, they reconsidered their action in this particular, and appointed the Rev. George W. Sill as agent of the Diocese, for the purpose of obtaining an endowment of the Episcopate, under such terms and conditions as Mr. Sill and the Committee of Finance may agree upon.

The Committee, at a special meeting, approved the election of S. S. Bowman, Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania.

W. W. LORD, President.

The Rt. Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, then read his Journal and Address. [For the Bishop's Journal and Address, see Appendix.]

The Treasurer of the Diocese presented his Report, and Account, together with a memorandum relating to the Account of the Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne County, which were read and referred to the Committee on Finance :

## REPORT

### OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE—APRIL 29, 1869.

The Treasurer of the Diocese reports that he has received from all sources since the last Convention, and paid over to the Bishop, on account of his salary, as by receipts No. 1 to No. 44 inclusive, filed herewith,....\$3,539 25

The amount due Bishop, on account of salary for the year ending July 1, 1858,.....\$512 02

Salary for year ending July 1, 1869,.....3,000 00

\$3,512 02

Amount overpaid the Bishop,.....\$27 23

Which will be charged on account of next year's salary.

The amount of arrears due from Parishes last year, according to the Report of Treasurer, was.....\$870 50

Two Parishes were stricken from connection whose arrears amounted to,.....100 00

Leaving its actual arrears,.....\$770 50

Assessments made by Convention of 1858,.....2,590 00

\$3,360 50

Amount collected from Parishes,.....2,744 75

\$615 75

Grace Church, Canton, has overpaid,.....25

St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County, has overpaid,.....37 00

Amount now due from delinquent Parishes,.....\$653 00

The Statement marked A. exhibits the Arrears, Assessments, and the Collections from the Parishes in a tabular form.

The amount collected during the year, for interest on the notes belonging to the Episcopal Fund, is.....\$634 50

Individual donations towards Bishop's salary,.....160 00

Collected from Parishes as above,.....2,744 75

Amount paid to Bishop as above,.....\$3,539 25

All the arrears of interest due on notes of the Bishop's Fund, except \$12, have been paid, and the fund will yield for the coming year (most of the notes now bearing 10 per cent. interest,).....\$627 50

The capital of the fund has been increased \$150 during the year, by a contribution from Col. Geo. H. Young, near Columbus, Miss.

The action of the Standing Committee in regard to the appointment of an agent to raise a full endowment of the Episcopate, has been reported to this Convention and referred to the Finance Committee.

J. ROACH, Treasurer of Diocese.

**MEMORANDUM BY THE TREASURER** in regard to the arrears of Epiphany Church, Claiborne County, which the Rector thinks were paid up, while the account of the Treasurer of the Diocese alleges as yet due the sum of \$43.

At Convention, May, 1855, Treasurer Smedes reports (page 4) Journal of Convention, 1855, Epiphany, Claiborne, yet due,.....\$10

Assessed for Bishop that year,.....20- \$30

1855, Dec. 5.. Paid on account,.....5

Arrears reported by Treas. Roach, Convention 1856, 25

Assessment of Convention 1856, Journal 39,.....30- \$55

1856, Ap'1 26.. Paid this day in Convention,.....12

Arrears reported to Convention 1857, Jour., folio 15, 43

## MEMORANDUM OF TREASURER—CONTINUED.

Assessment at Convention 1857,.....	30-	\$73
1857, Mar. 17.. Amount paid on account,.....		15
Arrears reported to Convention of 1858,.....		\$58
Assessment of Convention of 1858,.....	20-	\$78
1859, Apl. 28.. Paid by Rev. Mr. Gierlow this day,.....		35
Amount now due by said Parish,.....		\$43
Natchez, April 29, 1859.	J. ROACH, Treasurer.	

## STATEMENT A.—TREASURER OF DIOCESE.

Report of Assessment, etc., for Bishop's Salary, for year ending April, 1859.

Names of Parishes..	Amt. arrears due at last Convention.	Assessed by Convention 1858.	Total amt. due April, 1858.	Paid to the date of this Report.	Amo't now due.
Trinity, Natchez,.....	\$00 00	\$500	\$500 00	\$500 00	\$000
Chr. Church, Vicksbg.,	242 50	400	642 50.	582 50	120
St. Andrew's, Jackson,	00 00	300	300 00	300 00	00
Chr. Church, Ch. Hill,	00 00	260	260 00	260 00	00
Chr. Ch., Hly. Springs,	120 00	100	220 00	70 00	150
Trinity, Pass Christian,	00 00	120	120 00	120 00	00
Trinity, Yazoo City,...	00 00	80	80 00	80 00	00
St. Paul's, Woodville,...	50 00	100	150 00	150 00	00
St. Paul's, Columbus,...	30 00	60	90 00	90 00	00
St. John's, Lake Wash.*	00 00	100	100 00	00 00	100
St. Philip's, Kirkwood,	00 00	75	75 00	75 00	00
St. And'ws, Marshall co.†	25 00	50	75 00	112 00	00
Grace, Canton,.....†	00 00	65	65 00	65 25	00
St. Peter's, Oxford,....	80 00	50	130 00	50 00	80
Epiphany, Claiborne,....§	58 00	20	78 00	35 00	43
St. John's, Aberdeen,...	00 00	20	20 00	00 00	20
St. John's, Pontotoc,...	40 00	10	50 00	10 00	40
Chap. of Cross, Madi'n,	00 00	40	40 00	40 00	00
St. Matthew's, Clinton,	00 00	20	20 00	20 00	00
St. Mark's, Raymond,...	20 00	20	40 00	20 00	20
Calvary, Holmes,.....	00 00	20	20 00	20 00	00
St. Paul's, Grand Gulf,	00 00	20	20 00	00 00	20
St. John's, Annadale,...	00 00	20	20 00	20 00	00
St. Luke's, Brandon,...	30 00	15	45 00	45 00	00
Meeshah, Noxubee co.,...	10 00	10	20 00	15 00	5
Ascension, Hernando,...	20 00	10	30 00	20 00	10
Grace, Okalona,.....	10 00	10	20 00	20 00	00
St. James', Port Gibe'n,	5 00	10	15 00	00 00	15
St. John's, Early Grove,	10 00	10	20 00	10 00	10
Ch. Crucifixion, Yazoo,	10 00	10	20 00	20 00	00
Christ, Monticello,....	10 00	10	20 00	10 00	10
St. Thomas', Pikeville,	00 00	10	10 00	00 00	10
St. Mark's, Miss. City,	00 00	10	10 00	10 00	00
St. Luke's, Shieldsboro',	00 00	10	10 00	10 00	00
Nativity, Mt. Albon,....	00 00	25	25 00	25 00	00
	\$770 50	\$2,590	\$3,360 50	\$2,744 75	\$653

The Treasurer of the Convention presented the following Report, together with his Account Current and accompanying documents, which were received, read and referred to the Committee on Finance :

(\*) Overpaid last year \$20; (†) Overpaid this year 25 cents; (‡) Overpaid this year \$37; (§) This item disputed.

## REPORT

### OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

*To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Miss.*

The Treasurer of the Convention presents his Annual Account Current of the Contingent Expense Fund.

Twenty-six of the thirty-five Parishes assessed for Contingent Expenses, have paid the amount of their assessment, while three of the eight Parishes indebted for arrearages, have also paid the amounts due.

The account shows at present on hand the sum of \$211 64, to meet the expenses of the present Convention; together with an indebtedness from various Parishes in all amounting to \$155; but of which not over one-half will probably be collected.

There will unquestionably be a considerable deficiency in this fund the present year, even if the Parishes now indebted, who are able to settle their arrearages, should at once meet that just liability.

The Treasurer appends a list of these arrearages, and the Parishes from which they are due. Respectfully submitted:

GILES M. HILLYER, Sec'y of Convention.

Natchez, April 29, 1859.

### Arrearages to Contingent Expense Fund.

	1854.	1855.	1856.	1857.	1858.
Christ Church, Holly Springs,.....	..	..	20	20	15
St. John's Church, Lake Washington,.....	..	..	..	..	15
St. Peter's Church, Oxford,.....	..	..	..	5	5
St. John's Church, Aberdeen,.....	..	..	..	..	5
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf,.....	..	..	..	..	5
Messiah Church, Noxubee County,.....	..	..	..	..	5
St. John's Church, Early Grove,.....	..	..	..	..	5
St. Thomas' Church, Pikeville,.....	..	..	..	..	5
St. John's Church, Pontotoc,.....	5	5	5	..	..
Advent Church, Washington,.....	..	5	5	5	..
St. John's Church, DeSoto County,.....	5	5	5	5	..
	\$10	\$15	\$35	\$35	\$60
In all.....	\$155 00				

### Account Current of the Treasurer of the Convention.

GILES M. HILLYER, in Account with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Mississippi, Dr.

1858, April 23.. This amount in hand,..... \$199 52

This amount received from Parishes as follows:

"	"	St. Andrews' Church, Jackson, assessment 1857,...	30 00
"	May	Christ Church, Monticello,....."....."	5 00
"	"	St. Paul's Church, Woodville,....."....."	15 00
"	"	Epiphany Church, Claiborne, arrearages,.....	10 00
"	"	" " " assessment 1857,...	5 00
"	"	St. Andrew's Church, Marshall,....."....."	10 00
"	July 1	St. Mark's Church, Raymond,....."....."	5 00
		Balance due Treasurer,.....	35 50

\$365 02

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1858, Aug. 11.. Paid bill printing Journals, Binding, &c.,..... \$351 00

" Postages on same,..... 13 42

" Box, Drayage, &c.,..... 60

\$365 02

## ACCOUNT CURRENT—CONTINUED.

DR.

1859, Febru'y....	Church of the Messiah, Noxubee Co., arrearages,...	5 00
" March.....	St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City, assessm't 1858,	5 00
" April.....	St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County,.....	10 00
" ".....	St. Luke's Church, Brandon,.....	5 00
" ".....	St. John's Church, Annadale,.....	5 00
" ".....	Christ Church, Monticello,.....	5 00
" ".....	Church of Ascension, Hernando,.....	5 00
" ".....	St. James' Church, Port Gibson, arrearages,.....	5 00
" ".....	" " " assessment 1858,	5 00
" ".....	St. Paul's Church, Columbus, arrearages,.....	15 00
" ".....	" " " assessment 1858,	15 00
" ".....	Trinity Church, Pass Christian,.....	15 00
" ".....	St. Paul's Church, Woodville,.....	15 00
" ".....	St. Luke's Church, Shieldsboro',.....	5 00
" ".....	Chapel of the Cross, Madison County,.....	5 00
" ".....	Church of Nativity, Warren County,.....	5 00
" ".....	Grace Church, Canton,.....	10 00
" ".....	Calvary Church, Lexington,.....	5 00
" ".....	Christ Church, Vicksburg,.....	30 00
" ".....	St. Matthew's Church, Clinton,.....	5 00
" ".....	St. John's Church, Pontotoc,.....	5 00
" ".....	St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood,.....	10 00
" ".....	Trinity Church, Natches,.....	40 00
" ".....	St. Andrew's Church, Jackson,.....	30 00
" ".....	Church Crucifixion, Yazoo County,.....	2 50
" ".....	Christ Church, Church Hill,.....	30 00
" ".....	Trinity Church, Yazoo City,.....	20 00

\$312 50

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1858, Aug.....	Balance due Treasurer,.....	\$85 50
1859, March.....	Printing Circulars,.....	5 00
" ".....	Postages paid thereon and on Reports,.....	1 96
" ".....	Postages on Letters and Pamphlets for year,.....	2 00
" ".....	Stationery, discount on uncurrent money,.....	6 40
" ".....	Amount in hand, applicable to purposes of present Convention,.....	211 64

\$312 50

The Convention took a recess until after Divine Service.

Divine Service was celebrated at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. James A. Fox, of Warren County, read the Morning Service, assisted by the Rev. John Gierlow, of Claiborne County; and the Rev. Robert F. Clute, of Okalona, preached from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter V., verse 20th.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following Report, which was received and adopted:

## REPORT

## OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, on referring to the Journal of

the last Convention respectfully report, that they do not find anything therein requiring the action of this Convention.

B. HALSTED, Chairman.

The subject of the time and place of holding the next Annual Convention of the Diocese, was, on motion, taken up; when it was moved and carried—

That the Thirty-fourth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi should be held in *Christ Church, Holly Springs*, on the Fourth Thursday in April, A. D., 1860.

The Convention proceeded to the election of the remaining Diocesan Officers for the ensuing year; and the ballot in each case having been by an unanimous vote dispensed with, the following of the Clergy and Laity were unanimously elected to the several offices named:

*Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property*....Mr. George S. Yerger, Mr. James Roach, Mr. William C. Smedes.

*Trustees of the General Theological Seminary*.....Rev. W. W. Lord, Rev. James A. Fox, Mr. George S. Yerger.

*Ecclesiastical Court*.....Rev. B. M. Miller, Rev. James A. Fox, Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne, Rev. H. Sansom, Rev. W. W. Lord.

*Treasurer of the Diocese*.....Mr. James Roach, Vicksburg.

The election of Clerical and Lay Deputies to the General Convention was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock, to-morrow.

The Convention, on motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning; the adjournment being for the purpose of allowing a meeting to be held of the Society for Diffusing Christian Knowledge in the Diocese of Mississippi.

Divine Service was celebrated at 8 o'clock, on Friday evening.

The Rev. R. F. Clute, of Okalona, read the Evening Service, assisted by the Rev. John Fulton, of Louisiana; and the Rev. George W. Sill, of Pas Christian, preached from the Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter XIII, verse 23d.

#### TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHEZ,

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1859.

The Convention came to order at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Rev. Jas. A. Fox in the chair, in the absence of the Bishop of the Diocese, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The credentials of Lay Delegates from St. Matthew's Church, Clinton; St. Luke's Church, Brandon; and St. John's Chapel, Annadale, were received and referred to the Committee on Credentials, who reported the same as correct.

The Secretary communicated to the Convention an invitation from the

Board of Visitors of the Natches Institute, addressed to the Bishop, Clergy and Lay Delegates of the Diocese, to be present at the ensuing May-Day Festivities of that Institution, and to visit its buildings, grounds, &c.; which was, on motion, accepted, and the Secretary directed to return the proper acknowledgment for the courtesy.

The Committee on Finance presented the following Report, which was read, received, and with the resolutions thereto appended, adopted :

## REPORT

### OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the account of the Treasurer of the Diocese, and that of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, respectfully report, that they have examined the accounts of the above named officers, with the accompanying vouchers, and find them correct.

The Committee were much gratified to find that the assessments for the support of the Episcopate were generally paid, and that the Bishop's salary, together with an unpaid balance of last year, was fully paid. Whilst this result is truly gratifying, yet the principal part has been paid towards the close of the year; and the Committee would respectfully call the attention of the Parishes and their Rectors to the importance of paying the assessments in early, or, at least according to the requirements of the Canon, as its non-observance is a great inconvenience and loss to the Bishop.

From the Report of the Treasurer of the Convention, it appears that the assessments for the Contingent Expenses have not generally been paid. His Report shows that he has only new on hand to pay the expenses of this Convention, the sum of \$211 64.

The Committee hope these arrearages will be promptly met, as they believe it is more from want of attention than from any other cause, that they have not hitherto been remitted.

The Committee have also taken into consideration that part of the Report of the Standing Committee, in relation to the appointment of the Rev. Mr. Sill, as a suitable agent to procure the endowment of the Episcopate. They have seen Mr. Sill upon the subject, but have been unable to make a suitable arrangement with him. It could not be expected that the Rev. Mr. Sill could undertake this, without ample provision being made for his expenses and support. He was unwilling to undertake it, and leave his family and his Parish, and depend alone for remuneration on the fund to be raised; and the Committee had no fund, nor did they know by what means he could be paid, except out of the fund itself, if raised. Under these circumstances the Rev. Mr. Sill declined to accept the appointment.

The Committee regret this, as the endowment of the Episcopate is a matter of great importance to the Diocese; and they believe it can be done, if a proper agent is selected, or some practical plan devised to reach those whom they believe are willing to aid in its endowment. The Standing Committee have, it is true, thus far been unable to procure a suitable agent; still, they may be able to do so in the course of the coming year; and the Committee recommend the matter to be left in their hands.

The Committee further report that they have made the following Assessment of the Parishes for Contingent Expenses for the support of the Episcopate, during the coming year. The assessment for the Bishop's Salary amounts to \$3590; that for Contingent Expenses to \$322 50:

# Assessments on the Parishes by the Convention of 1859.

<i>Parishes.</i>	<i>Bishop's Fund.</i>	<i>Conting't Expenses.</i>
Trinity Church, Natchez,.....	\$500	\$40
Christ Church, Vicksburg,.....	400	30
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson,.....	300	30
Christ Church, Church Hill,.....	280	30
Trinity Church, Pas Christian,.....	120	15
Christ Church, Holly Springs,.....	100	15
St. Paul's Church, Woodville,.....	100	15
St. John's Church, Lake Washington,.....	100	15
Trinity Church, Yazoo City,.....	80	20
St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood,.....	75	10
St. Paul's Church, Columbus,.....	60	15
Grace Church, Canton,.....	65	10
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County,.....	50	10
St. Peter's Church, Oxford,.....	50	5
Chapel of the Cross, Madison County,.....	40	5
St. John's, Early Grove,.....	30	5
Church of the Nativity, Mount Albon,.....	25	5
Epiphany Church, Claiborne County,.....	20	5
St. John's Church, Aberdeen,.....	20	5
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton,.....	20	5
St. Mark's Church, Raymond,.....	20	5
Calvary Church, Holmes county,.....	20	5
St. John's Church, Annadale,.....	20	5
St. Luke's Church, Brandon,.....	15	5
St. John's Church, Pontotoc,.....	10	5
Messiah Church, Noxubee County,.....	10	5
Ascension Church, Hernando,.....	10	5
Grace Church, Okolona,.....	10	5
Christ Church, Monticello,.....	10	5
St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City,.....	10	5
St. Luke's Church, Shieldsboro',.....	10	5
Church of Redeemer, Biloxi,.....	10	5
Church of Saviour, Osyka,.....	10	5
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf,.....	5	5
Church of Crucifixion, Yazoo County,.....	5	2 50
	<b>\$2,590</b>	<b>\$362 50</b>

From the Report of the Treasurer there appears to be a deficit of \$43 due on Bishop's Salary from the Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne County. In relation to this, the Parish believes that it has heretofore been settled; at all events, whether it has or not, the Committee recommend that it be released. They have reported no assessment against the Parish of St. James, Port Gibson, as it is now, and has been for a long time, without a Rector, and has hitherto paid no assessments. The arrearages due from it they recommend should be released.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Standing Committee be authorized to engage a suitable agent or agents, or adopt any practical course, to raise a sufficient sum to endow the Episcopate.

*Resolved*, That the balance (say \$43) of arrearages reported due from the Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne County, be released.

*Resolved*, That all the arrearages due from the Parish of St. James, Port Gibson, be, and hereby are released.

*Resolved*, That the arrearages due from St. John's Church, Pontotoc, be released.

*Resolved*, That the Assessment reported by the Committee, for the ensuing year, be adopted and confirmed.



*Resolved*, That interest at the rate of ten per cent. from the time the Journals were ready for delivery, be allowed to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, for balance due him at that time, up to the meeting of this Convention, to-wit, on the sum of \$85 50.

JAMES S. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

On motion, Dr. A. P. Merrill, a member of the first Diocesan Convention of the Church in this State, was invited to take a seat in this Convention: whereupon Dr. Merrill appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Geo. S. Yerger, to whose superintendence had been entrusted by the Standing Committee the employment of workmen to repair the Episcopal Residence, presented a Report, which was received, read and adopted:

## REPORT

### RELATIVE TO THE EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

The undersigned Reports to the Convention that he has received for the purpose of repairing the Bishop's residence, the following sums:

From Trinity Church, Natchez.....	\$300 00	
“ Christ Church, Vicksburg.....	200 00	
“ Christ Church, Church Hill.....	200 00	
“ St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.....	200 00	
“ Grace Church, Canton.....	25 00	
“ Annadale Church, (Mr. Ewing,).....	80 00—	\$1,005 00

He has paid for repairs and lumber, the following:

Amt. paid Mr. Paxton's bill.....	\$275 31	
“ “ for freight.....	7 40	
“ “ Hughes—\$75 and \$131 75.....	206 75	
“ “ for Plastering.....	28 00	
“ “ French's carpenter bill.....	109 75	
“ “ Greaves, for bricks.....	38 00	
“ “ Hughes, for brick-laying, &c.....	90 15	
“ “ Baily's bill for hauling.....	23 63	
“ “ “ for lime.....	17 60	
“ “ Anderson & Hellsheim's bill for lumber, previously furnished.....	248 47—	\$1043 06

From the above it will be seen that there is a balance of \$38 06 cents due to the undersigned, for amount advanced over and above what he received. There is yet a small bill for tin guttering to be paid. It will not exceed \$15 or \$20.

The Bishop's residence is now in a good state of repair, with the exception of the roof. The roof is old, and a new one will soon have to be put on. It may possibly, by repairing, last another year.

The residence of the Bishop belongs to the Diocese; and believing that it was proper to keep it insured against fire, the undersigned, without any special authority that he remembers, has kept it insured; for which, he has paid \$125 in the last five years. The house is insured for *five thousand dollars*, at  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent., or \$25 per annum.

All of which he respectfully submits, &c.

GEORGE S. YERGER.

The following Resolutions were, on motion, adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to refund, out of any unappropriated funds of the Episcopate, to Mr. Yerger, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, paid by him as premium for insurance on the Episcopal Residence.

*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property, be authorized to continue the insurance of said property, at such rate as they think proper.

The following resolutions were, on motion, unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, Since our last adjournment, it has pleased our Heavenly Father, by a mysterious dispensation of His providence, to take unto Himself the soul of our most worthy and exemplary lay brother, the late D. TILTON BIGELOW; therefore—

*Resolved*, That the members of this Convention do cordially respond to the feeling and appropriate tribute, just paid by the Bishop in his Annual Address, to the memory of our much-esteemed friend and brother in Christ; and we ask the privilege of recording with that of our beloved Diocesan, our own sorrow and regret for the loss of one, endeared to his brethren by so many kindly virtues—by a piety at once pure and unaffected, and a life and conversation, blameless and above reproach.

*Resolved*, That we will ever hold in high esteem, the example of his generous and untiring zeal in the promotion of whatever related to the honor and glory of God, and the prosperity of His Church on earth; and that we tender our sincere condolence to his afflicted family.

The Convention then proceeded to the Special Order of the Day, being the election of Clerical and Lay Deputies to the ensuing General Convention of the Church; when, the ballot being taken, the following of the Clergy and Laity received a majority of the votes cast, and were declared duly elected :

*Of the Clergy*—Messrs. W. Croes Crane, W. W. Lord, Benj. M. Miller, and Henry Sansom.

*Of the Laity*—Messrs. Geo. S. Yerger, Wm. C. Smedes, Richard Evans, and Jas. S. Johnston.

The Convention took a recess until after Divine Service.

Divine Service was celebrated at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. J. H. Ingraham, of Holly Springs, read the Morning Service, assisted by the Rev. W. W. Lord, of Vicksburg, and the Rev. W. Croes Crane, of Jackson, preached from Psalms XI., verse 13th.

The Convention came to order after Divine Service, the Rev. Benjamin M. Miller in the chair, in the absence of the Bishop of the Diocese.

Mr. Thos. K. Shields, sen., a Lay Delegate from Christ Church, Church Hill, appeared and took his seat.

The Committee on Diocesan Schools presented the following Report, which was received and read :

## REPORT

### OF COMMITTEE ON DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

Your Committee begs leave to present its Report on Diocesan Schools, as follows :

*From Report at last Convention.*

"It is with feelings of deep regret that your Committee present this their report on the matter referred to them for consideration. Their regret arises out of the fact already stated in the Bishop's address, viz : that the one only remaining institution hitherto known as a Diocesan School, has, for the present, at least, ceased to dispense the blessings of moral and intellectual culture upon the sons of the Church. Your Committee are not furnished with data upon which to found any calculation as to the time when St. Thomas' Hall may be re-opened. They would indulge the hope of a speedy return to its former usefulness.

"Of the Female Academy at Pas Christian, under the care of the Rev. Dr. Savage, your Committee cannot well speak in terms too favorable. It may

be sufficient to say that whatever the Bishop has set forth in his address in reference to that institution, is worthy of all acceptance by the Church in this Diocese, and of all the patronage that may be bestowed thereon."

*From the Journal of the Bishop—read before the last Convention.*

"I was very thankful to witness also, the truly prosperous condition of the Rev. Dr. Savage's school. This Institution, which has now been ten years in existence, has advanced with steady progress in the favor of a judicious public, and has, from time to time, added to its many advantages and facilities for imparting a sound and accomplished education. It may now justly claim equality, at least, with any similar institution in our land. To the members of our Church, no better opportunity could be offered for training their daughters for this world, or the next, and for keeping them from the contaminating influences of the world, than is to be found in this safe and healthy retreat."

*From same Journal, alluding to Wilson Hall, at Early Grove.*

"At great labor and sacrifice, they have, since my last visit, erected a large and well finished brick building for an Academy for boys; a worthy gentleman is in charge of the school, and I trust that on my next visit, I shall find in successful operation, a school worthy to claim the fostering care of our Convention, and to be ranked among the sound and wholesome series of the Church."

*From same Journal, referring to St. Thomas' Hall, Holly Springs.*

"I can hardly express in terms of sufficient force the disappointment and mortification which I felt on visiting St. Thomas' Hall, to find it a scene of ruin and desolation. It is but two years, since a considerable sum of money was laid out in its repairs. It is now little better than a wreck, and will require a much larger amount to fit it again for the purposes for which its founders designed it. It is hoped that those whose neglect has led to this desecration of one of our Diocesan Institutions; will, ere long, repair the evil, and restore it to order, and beauty, and usefulness."

These extracts contain the whole history of the State of our Diocesan Schools last year. It will be seen that there are but three allusions in the Bishop's Journal to such a class of Schools. Of these, but one of them is officially related to the Diocese, the others being Private Institutions under Episcopalian Discipline, viz., Church Schools not under the control of the Bishop, and independent of the Convention.

Of these, Wilson Hall, at Early Grove, promises to become a valuable School to Church parents. It is under the charge of Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Tennessee, as Rector, we believe, and under the academical control of Rev. Mr. Shindler, as head Professor. Not having any catalogue, and no full report of the condition of this School, we can only say that it is prosperous, with about thirty pupils, and that it is properly a Church School in discipline and faculty and aims.

The origin of the School was in an endowment by — Wilson, a gentleman of the vicinity. The Committee trusts that by the next Convention it will be able to present a fuller report of this enterprise, from reliable statistics.

The next Institution, alluded to above, is "Trinity Female School," Pas Christian. This is an unendowed School, built up within twelve years past by the zeal and energy of Rev. Dr. Savage, a gentleman previously most favorably known to the Church, by his important connection with African Missions; having been a faithful worker for the Cross eleven years in Africa. Upon his return he established this School. It is a worthy monument to his perseverance and Churchmanship, and has, unaided save by its intrinsic value to the community, reached a position in the foremost rank of Female Institutions. As the Rev. Dr. Savage has issued no catalogue of his School, we are without data and full information; but we fully subscribe to the language of our Diocesan quoted above, in allusion to this Institution, and cordially commend it to the confidence of the Church and of the Episcopallians of the South.

The third Institution spoken of by the Bishop, viz., "St. Thomas' Hall,"

is the only chartered School in the Diocese, and the only one under the control of the Convention, and of which the Bishop is legally and officially recognised as Supervisor.

The statements below, present a brief history of the origin of this Institution :

*AN ACT to Incorporate St. Thomas' Hall, in the Town of Holly Springs.*

[Chapter 90; Page 330.]

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi,* That the Rector, Senior and Junior Wardens, and the two oldest Vestrymen of Christ Church, in the town of Holly Springs, in this State, for the time being, by virtue of their said offices, together with Henry Anderson and Benj. W. Williams, be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of "St. Thomas' Hall," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and may sue and be sued, plead and implead, in any Court of law or equity in this State.

**SEC. 2.** *Be it further enacted,* That whenever the offices of said Anderson or Williams, or their successors as corporators as aforesaid, shall become vacant by death, resignation, permanent removal out of this State, or otherwise, the said Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, for the time being, shall have full power and authority to fill such vacancy by their election of a successor.

**SEC. 3.** *Be it further enacted,* That said corporation may have a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure; and shall be capable of receiving, acquiring and holding any estate, real or personal, not exceeding in value fifty thousand dollars, by purchase, donation or bequest, and the same to alien or encumber at pleasure, and may make all such by-laws as may be deemed expedient, not repugnant to the Constitution and Laws of the United States, or of this State: *Provided,* That such estate be used, disposed of or employed for purposes of education by said corporation.

**SEC. 4.** *Be it further enacted,* That this shall be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 20, 1846.

**APRIL 29, 1848.**... At a called meeting of the Trustees of St. Thomas' Hall, held this day, W. Goodman offered the following Preambles and Resolutions: That.

*Whereas,* The donors of certain property, situate in the County of Marshall, and State of Mississippi, known as St. Thomas' Hall, did, on the 5th day of February, 1845, enter into the following agreement and resolutions:

*Whereas,* At a meeting of the donors to St. Thomas' Hall, held in the town of Holly Springs, on the 5th February, 1845, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved,* That the Rector, Senior and Junior Wardens, and the two oldest Vestrymen, for the time being, of Christ Church, Holly Springs, together with Henry Anderson and Benj. Williams, are hereby constituted a Board of Trustees for the School contemplated to be kept at St. Thomas' Hall, with power and authority to fill any vacancies in said Board, occurring among those not officially designated above; that said Board shall have power and authority, and are hereby required, to transfer to the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Mississippi, the property purchased at St. Thomas' Hall for a Diocesan School, reserving to themselves the right of appointing the Principal, or head Teacher thereof, and of discharging him, subject to the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese, for the time being; the title to said property to be vested in said Board of Trustees, who are to hold the same in trust for the benefit of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Mississippi; and in the interim, and until the School is accepted by said Church, said Board are hereby empowered and required to select Teachers for said School—

*And Whereas,* By Act of the Legislature, approved Feb. 20, 1846, the Rector, Senior and Junior Wardens, and two oldest Vestrymen, for the time being, of Christ Church, Holly Springs, Henry Anderson and Benj. Williams, and their successors, were incorporated Trustees: Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the property known as St. Thomas' Hall, be, and hereby is, tendered to the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of Mississippi, for a Diocesan School, reserving all the rights, and granting all the powers and privileges which we are authorized to grant and required to reserve by the resolution of the donors of said property, aforesaid.

*Resolved*, That the Delegate of Christ Church, at Holly Springs, or the Provisional Bishop of the Diocese, or any person he may appoint, be requested to present this Preamble and Resolutions to the Diocesan Convention, and request the acceptance of the property here tendered, and for the object and interest designated by the resolution aforesaid, and the Convention of the said Diocese to take such measures as it may deem proper, to effectuate the intention of the donors of said property.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these proceedings be officially signed and sealed by the Secretary, and transmitted to the Rt. Rev. Jas. H. Otey, Provisional Bishop of Mississippi.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

H. M. LUSHER, Secretary.

HOLLY SPRINGS, September 15, 1868.

The Board met this day: President, J. H. Ingraham; Present—William Hull, Wm. Crump, P. A. Willis, B. W. Walthall. The President, Rev. J. H. Ingraham, made a statement to the Board of his plans to restore St. Thomas' Hall to successful operation; which proved very satisfactory. Whereupon he was unanimously chosen Rector of St. Thomas' Hall, with power to appoint professors, and carry out his plans of operation upon the terms upon which said Hall became a Diocesan School.

He proposed that Prof. W. Clark take charge of the Hall at present, and open a day school preparatory to a re-organization of the School upon a firmer basis; in which the Board fully concurred.

On motion, adjourned.

B. W. WALTHALL, Secretary."

Your Committee has the satisfaction to report, in connection with the last clause, that the Rector elected has for six months past been engaged in re-organizing this Institution.

He reports as follows: "The Hall, when I assumed the Rectorship, was wholly dilapidated and defaced, the windows broken, the plastering torn off, the floors cut up, and doors burned. It was a scene of desolation, amid one of the loveliest groves that can be found in the South. For more than a year it had been deserted and exposed to the invasion of the rabble, and goats and sheep had possession of its halls.

"It would have taken not less than \$2000 to repair it. There was no fund, no income, no means of obtaining this amount. Yet it was necessary that something should be done. The Railroad runs through a corner of the Hall grounds, and the Company having erected their depot and machine-shops within a hundred yards of the edifice, I perceived that it could no longer be regarded as a suitable site for a School. I therefore resolved that the property should be offered for sale to the Railroad Company, and that with the proceeds we would purchase a new site remote from the depot.

"Sustained in my decision by the Board and by the community, the old Hall and its eleven acres were offered for sale. We value them at \$10,000. We have had \$8,000 offered. We shall probably be under the necessity of taking this. With the sum we propose purchasing a new lot of seventeen acres of oak grove in the suburbs, commanding a full view of the beautiful city of Holly Springs. We believe that we shall be able to obtain this for less than three thousand dollars. This will leave us five thousand dollars for the new edifices. But as this will not enable us to put up suitable buildings, we shall ask for donations among wealthy and liberal Churchmen. We propose erecting two Halls; one for the dormitories and domestic establishment, the other strictly for academical purposes. They will be handsome three-story gothic edifices, and will cost twenty thousand dollars. Unless we can put up such buildings, we shall not begin to build. The money can easily be obtained from the friends of Southern Education; for, as this is a chartered Diocesan Institution, it guarantees permanency and a right use of the donations. But this subject will be presented by and by in another form.

"We hope to commence the new buildings by next fall. It is to be a School for Southern boys, not a College, and will be subsidiary to the Southern University, and other Universities, holding the same relation to them as Eton and Bugby Schools do in England to Oxford and Cambridge.

"With the aid of Southern men to enable us to build, we shall by and by have a school here that will command the confidence of the South, and render it no longer necessary to send our sons into the free States to be taught.

"It gives me pleasure to state that I have enlisted the interest of many eminent men in the restoration of St. Thomas' Hall. I found not a book in its library, not a pebble in its cabinet, not a single piece of scientific apparatus in its lecture rooms. I opened at once a correspondence with Professors and scientific men, and gentlemen who have large libraries, and I have received from the Smithsonian Institute all its valuable publications through Professor Henry; have the promise of the foundation of a Cabinet; have received several hundred dollars worth of books from others; and am indebted to the Hon. Mr. Thompson (a Mississippian, and therefore a true friend of Southern Schools,) for the reception of valuable donations of books; and I would here say that any donations of books or cabinet specimens, or of scientific apparatus, will be most acceptable. When we complete our building, there will be employed a Faculty which will command the confidence of Southern parents and of the Convention."

The above extract gives the history thus far of the only Institution of the Diocese, and your Committee most heartily and earnestly commend it to the fostering care of the Church in the South, and to the confidence and patronage of Southern families.

All of which is respectfully submitted :

J. H. INGRAHAM, Chairman.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons presented the following Report, which was received, read and adopted; and Canon 1, Sec. 1, was amended accordingly :

The Committee on Constitution and Canons report the following amendment to Canon 1, Sec. 1 :

At the end of the sixth line, introduce the following words : " And none shall be considered as members of such congregation when organized, who shall not (on requisition by the Rector or Vestry) formally accede to said articles of association. The congregation," &c.

WM. C. CRANE, Chairman.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following Report, which was received, read and adopted :

## REPORT

### OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Success to the cause of Christ must ever be the result of His approval and blessing. In this connection He said, " Without me ye can do nothing." The prosperity of the Church as a Divinely appointed institution, and the growth in grace of its individual members, are inseparable, being alike the fruit of the same holy unction. Hence, to correctly gauge the spiritual health of a Christian organization, we must know in what proportion its individual adherents conform to the standard, which is " the pillar and ground of the truth," as set forth and maintained by " the Church of the living God." That is spiritual prosperity indeed, wherein conformity to the laws of Christ's kingdom in the world, is fully, honestly and perpetually maintained. When the Gospel, in its spirit and form, is set forth and administered by duly authorized agents of the Church, then it is, that it truly becomes " the power of God unto salvation to them that believe;" being, in virtue of the appointment and promise of God, endowed with the enlightening and life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit.

But the prosperity of the Church, must be realized in the use of her whole array of means. Nothing should be omitted. All her parts should harmo-

nise as making one grand whole. Then it is, that she groweth up unto Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.

In looking into the State of the Church in this Diocese, as shown by the Official Address of our esteemed Bishop, and the Parochial Reports, we discover the presence of these essential and encouraging marks of prosperity. Good seed has been, and is now being sowed, and we already discover in some places the tender blade springing vigorously up; in others, the expanding ear ripening; and in some others, the full corn in the ear.

True, several of the Parishes are yet feeble; but let the authorized Ministers of the Cross toil on in hope and faithfulness. Proclaiming that truth which Heaven approves, and the Spirit shields; cheered and assisted by the earnest prayers and pious charities of a wealthy and generous Laity, we shall not only see the present Parishes increasing in grace and strength, but new ground shall be widely and permanently occupied.

Evidently there is a healthful and vigorous advancement in the annual operations of the Church in this Diocese, which, as it continues, must result in great good to all within its influence for generations to come. The work of the Church being orderly and stable, where a foothold is once obtained, it is not easily lost.

The Bishop reports the organization of three new Parishes since the last Convention, and that he has consecrated two new Church edifices, while four others are very nearly ready for that Rite; that he has admitted two persons to Holy Orders, having four more candidates; that one faithful laborer has gone to his final rest; that he has deposed one from the Ministry; has transferred three to other Dioceses; received ten, while the present number is thirty-two.

Looking at his Report, we see the much our worthy Diocesan has accomplished during the last ecclesiastical year, notwithstanding his very feeble state of health. That he has been thus far spared to us we desire to thank God, and will continue to implore His blessing upon his valuable labors.

The Committee would especially commend to the attention of those for whose consideration they are designed, the several important topics and objects named by the Bishop in his Address.

The following is a summary of the Parochial Reports:\*

	1858.	1859.
Number of Families.....	668	720
Baptisms—Adults, White.....	50	95
“ “ Colored.....	94	63
“ “ Infants, White.....	194	183
“ “ Colored.....	201—	190— 531
Confirmations.....	159	250
Communicants, White.....	870	1051
“ “ Colored.....	162—1033	243—1294
“ “ Added.....	137	297
“ “ Dead.....	15	24
“ “ Removed.....	77	84
Marriages—White.....	39	52
“ “ Colored.....	19—	21— 73
Funerals—White.....	74	119
“ “ Colored.....	8—	82 17— 196
Sunday Schools—Teachers.....	87	82
“ “ Scholars.....	663	568
Contributions connected with the Church, other than for Rectors' salaries.....	\$30,870 30	\$43,729 96

Reports have been received from thirty-three Parishes—(six Parishes not reporting)—and from six Ministers and Missionary Stations.

G. B. PERRY, Chairman.

(\*) Some errors and omissions existing in the summary as presented by the Committee, the Secretary has substituted the above, which will be found correct.—SEC'Y.

The following Report was received and read from the Rev. W. C. Stout, Clerical Trustee for this Diocese, of the University of the South :

## REPORT ON THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

*To the Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi :*

The undersigned begs leave to report, that as Clerical Trustee of the University of the South, for the Diocese of Mississippi, he attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees of that Institution, on the 5th of July, 1858, at Beersheba Springs, Grundy County, Tennessee.

To the Journal of the proceedings of that meeting, I refer the Convention for information. It will be seen by examination of that Journal, that the next meeting will in all probability be a most important one. The Constitution will come up for adoption, and a plan of active operations will doubtless be submitted. I therefore take the liberty of suggesting to the Convention that it is very desirable that the Church in Mississippi, should be *fully represented*. Her best and strongest men should be there.

I beg to resign to your hands the trust you pleased to commit to me. My removal from the Diocese makes this necessary.

Hoping that this Convention will continue to manifest a lively interest in this great educational effort, and regretting that I am no longer a member of your body, I am most respectfully yours ;

Little Rock, Ark., April 25th, 1859.

W. C. STOUT.

A motion was made to proceed to the appointment of Trustees of the University of the South ; but the motion was by vote laid on the table, subject to the call of the House.

On motion, the vote taken yesterday to hold the next Diocesan Convention at Holly Springs, was reconsidered. A motion to substitute "Vicksburg" instead of "Holly Springs," was carried by a vote of 14 to 7. A reconsideration of this last vote was moved, and that motion was by vote laid upon the table.

So the Convention determined that the next Annual Convention should be holden at the City of Vicksburg.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That in conformity with the request of the "Diocesan Missionary Society of Mississippi," lately in session, the proceedings of its Annual Meeting, and the Constitution of said Society, be printed in an Appendix to the Journal of this Convention.

The Secretary was instructed to print the usual number of Journals, omitting the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese.

On motion, the very cordial thanks of this Convention were returned to the Rector, Vestry and Parishioners of Trinity Church, Natchez, for their generous hospitality during the sessions of the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Perry was requested to communicate this resolution to his Parish.

The subject of the proposed election of Trustees for this Diocese, of the University of the South, was taken up, and it was finally ordered that the Rev. W. W. Lord be recommended as a Trustee, in the place of the Rev. W. C. Stout, resigned.

No further business appearing before the Convention, it was ordered that it adjourn to meet after Divine Service, to-morrow (Sunday) night.



Divine Service was celebrated on Saturday night, at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Benj. Halsted, of Lexington, read the Evening Service, and the Rev. James D. Gibson, of Columbus, preached from the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, Chapter IX., verse 24th.

Divine Service was celebrated at 11 o'clock, on Sunday morning, May 1, it being the first Sunday after Easter; the Rt. Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese reading the Ante-Communion Service; and the Rev. W. W. Lord, of Vicksburg, preaching from the Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter XVIII., verse 37th.

The Rite of Confirmation was then administered to twenty-four candidates, presented by the Rev. G. B. Perry, D. D., of Trinity Church, Natchez.

After which, the Sacrament of the Holy Communion was administered by the Rt. Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. James A. Fox, Rev. Wm. W. Lord, and Rev. G. B. Perry.

Divine Service was also celebrated at 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. E. H. Downing, of Kirkwood, read the Evening Service, and the Rev. John Fulton, of the Diocese of Louisiana, preached from the first Epistle to the Corinthians, Chapter XIII., verse 13th.

Divine Service was also celebrated at 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. John Gierlow, of Claiborne County, read prayers, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Crane, of Jackson, and the Rev. J. H. Ingraham, of Holly Springs, preached from the Book of Haggai, Chapter II., verse 8th.

A collection was then taken up in aid of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

The Convention came to order at 10 o'clock, P. M., at the call of the Bishop of the Diocese.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That in view of the critical condition of the health of our beloved Diocesan, it is the unanimous sense of this Convention that it should be recommended to him to suspend the active duties and labors of the Episcopate, for such length of time as his health may require for its re-establishment; and that, in connexion with the Standing Committee, he provide in the interim, such Episcopal Services as the wants of the Diocese may demand.

It was voted that a Committee be appointed to report the names of four of the Clergy and four of the Laity, as Alternate Deputies to the next General Convention of the Church; to serve in the order of their appointment, in case of any of the Deputies being unable to attend.

The Committee reported the names of the following gentlemen, who were unanimously chosen:

*Of the Clergy*—Rev. Messrs. J. H. Ingraham, James A. Fox, E. H. Downing, and G. W. Sill.

*Of the Laity*—Messrs. T. T. Meade, John Duncan, Giles M. Hillyer, and Thos. R. Shields.

The receipt of a telegraphic dispatch was announced to the Convention,

confirming the sad tidings of the death of the Rt. Rev. George Washington Doane, D. D., L.L. D.; whereupon, after appropriate remarks by the Bishop, the Rev. Mr. Lord and others, it was ordered that a Committee be appointed to report Resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Convention at the sore bereavement the Church has sustained.

The Rev. Mr. W. W. Lord, Mr. Giles M. Hillyer and the Rev. Mr. Geo. W. Sill, were appointed on said Committee; and on motion, the Rev. Mr. W. C. Crane was added thereto.

The Committee reported the following, which was unanimously ordered to be adopted:

## RESOLUTION

### RELATING TO THE DEATH OF BISHOP DOANE.

*Resolved*, That the members of this Convention hear, with profound regret, of the death of the Rt. Rev. Geo. Washington Doane.

Allied to some of us by the memory of instructions received, and Holy Rites administered, and Orders bestowed, he is connected with us all by the sympathies of Churchmen, by the hopes of Christians, by the bonds of that Unity which he loved, and which drew us closely together, and joined our hearts to his in the mystical body of Christ. The purpose of this Resolution is not to eulogize him; but it would ill represent our feelings at this moment, should we say nothing in regard to the character of a man who has filled so large a space in the eye and heart of the Church.

As man, and Churchman, equally remarkable—a large brain, a large heart, an open hand; it needed but change of time and circumstance, and he would have been a Chrysostom, a Cyril, an Athanasius. Love of kind, Christian charity, magnanimity, boundless and uncalculating zeal, bold and energetic opinions, the Missionary spirit, an Apostolic love of Apostolic order, and, least, yet everywhere visible, the tastes and sympathies of a scholar and man of letters, and, giving emphasis and distinctness to every quality, a marked and unmistakable individuality, united to form a character for which it would be hard to find a parallel, impossible to find its equal.

In what he has done for the Church, and for the cause of Christian Education, he has left so many monuments of himself, that his memory, it may be safely predicted, will never perish in the Church of America.

If it was his error that he too little feared to take responsibility, he suffered the consequences of his error with a fortitude that could only spring from Christian humility, and testified by "patient continuance in well doing," that he strove "not as those who strive for a corruptible crown, but an incorruptible."

To his own family, and the family of Christ, the Church he so much loved, we desire to express our heartfelt sympathy; and our certain confidence that with him "it is far better."

W. W. LORD,  
GILES M. HILLYER,  
G. W. SILL,  
WM. CROES CRANE.

Whereupon, the Rt. Reverend Bishop of the Diocese, after a feeling Address, Prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction, declared the Thirty-third Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, adjourned *sine die*.

GILES M. HILLYER, Secretary.



# APPENDIX.

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## JOURNAL AND ADDRESS

OF

### RT. REV. WM. M. GREEN.

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#### BELOVED BRETHREN—

Since we were last permitted to assemble in Council, there have occurred events that will ever fill a wide and glowing page in the annals of the Church. I allude not to anything of unusual moment within our own limited field of labor, but to the cheering omens that have so recently and so wondrously clustered around the Cross, in its progress through pagan lands. When we last separated for our respective homes, the far larger portion of the heathen world was barred against the Christian Missionary. Here and there, on the outskirts of these nations, by an ungracious and almost compulsory sufferance, these heralds of Salvation were allowed a resting place for their feet; whilst the uncounted millions of the interior were walled up against all knowledge of Him who came to be the Life and Light of the World. But how is it now with these late strangers and enemies to the Cross of Christ? Behold China's vast empire, with her teeming population, laid wide open to a preached Gospel. See Japan, that continent rather than island, welcoming the Missionary even to her sacred courts, and providing for his comfort in a way that might well put to shame many places of our boasted Christian land. And look, too, at Africa, not only revealing to the eye of the traveler her hitherto unknown bosom, but showing that great central region to be one great human hive instinct with intelligence, and eager to receive the Word of God. While contemplating these and other lesser indications on the behalf of our holy faith, who can restrain the exclamation of wonder and thankfulness, "What hath God wrought!"

I have, for a moment, beloved brethren, called your attention to these triumphs of the Gospel, not only because it becomes us, as watchmen on the walls of Zion, to observe and understand the "signs of the times;" but with the hope of encouraging you in your respective labors for the cause of Christ. For surely to him who loves the Lord Jesus, and who is often

tempted to mourn on account of the little which he is allowed to do for His name—to every such man, whether of the Clergy or Laity, it must be a solace to the heart to lift the eyes from our slowly advancing labors, to those rapid and mighty conquests which the arm of the Lord is achieving for himself in the wide field of the pagan world.

But from this heart-cheering view of the widely-open door set before the Gospel in heathen lands, we must now turn away, beloved brethren, to give attention to our own “day of small things;” small only, however, when considered with respect to the whole Gospel field; but by no means of little account to us individually as co-workers with God in bringing a world of sinners under the power of His grace. In His fear, and with a view only to His glory, I now proceed to lay before you an account of what He has enabled me to do within the past year.

*April 24th*.... I baptized in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, *one* adult.

Next day, *Sunday, 25th*.... Confirmed *three* persons in St. Andrew's Church, and admitted Geo. C. Harris to the Order of Deacon.

*April 28th*.... Baptised *one* infant in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

*Sunday, May 2d*.... Detained at home by sickness.

*Sunday, 9th*.... Preached in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; being prevented by high waters from getting to St. John's, Lake Washington.

*Thursday, 13th*, (Ascension day).... Preached again in St. Andrew's Church.

*Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 14th, 15th and 16th*.... Were spent in the Parish of the Chapel of the Cross. On Sunday, I preached in the forenoon to the white congregation; and in the afternoon to the blacks; *nine* of whom were confirmed. The pleasure with which I always witness the exercises of the colored portion of this congregation was, if anything, increased on the present occasion. The attention and interest with which they listened to the teaching of their Bishop and Minister, were only equalled by the apparent devotion with which they worshipped God, and approached His ordinances. In both services, I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Sansom.

*Monday, 17th*.... Received Rev. Gideon B. Perry, D. D., on the list of Presbyters of this Diocese, upon Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Ohio.

*Sunday, 23d of May*.... On this day, as on the 9th, I had intended to be in St. John's Parish, Lake Washington; but learned, in answer to my letter of appointment, that the inundated state of the country would render vain any attempt to get the people together. I therefore attended the services of St. Andrew's Church, and at the request of the Rector, consecrated the Holy Communion.

*Tuesday, 25th*.... Received Rev. James D. Gibson, on Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of South Carolina.

*Wednesday, 26th*.... Baptized in private the Rev. Robt. F. Clute, a Presbyter of the Church, who was justly dissatisfied with the sectarian baptism which had previously been administered to him.

*Thursday, 27th*.... United a couple in the bonds of Matrimony.

*Friday, 28th*.... Baptized an infant in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

*Saturday, 29th*.... Went to "Cooper's Well," to try the benefit of its waters, and remained five days. On Sunday, the 30th, I was too unwell to officiate as I had hoped.

*Thursday, June 3d*.... Received Rev. Benjamin R. Smyser as a Deacon of this Diocese, on Letters Dimissory from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

*Friday, 4th*.... Received the Rev. Wm. C. Crane upon the list of the Clergy of this Diocese, on Letters of Transfer from the Bishop of Maryland. On the same day transferred, at his request, the Rev. George C. Harris, Deacon, to the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Tennessee.

*Sunday, June 6th*.... Attended Divine Service and the Holy Communion, in St. Andrew's Church; but was unable to take any part in the exercises.

*Sunday, June 13th*.... Attended by the Rev. Messrs. Fox, Lord, Ingraham, and the Rector (Rev. Mr. Miller) of the Parish, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, the beautiful temple just erected by the Vestry and Congregation of Christ Church, Jefferson County, on the site of the old one. It is indeed a building of much beauty, and an offering to the Lord in perfect keeping with the well-known piety and liberality of that people. Confirmation was administered to *four* persons; and the Holy Communion was thankfully partaken by a large number. It was no little addition to my pleasure on this occasion, to know that the building which we were then dedicating to God, though erected at no trifling cost, was entirely paid for. With the assistance of the Clergy present, Religious Services were continued throughout the two following days. Among the many causes for gratification felt by the congregation on this occasion, was that of seeing once more among them the venerable form, and of hearing again the instructive tones of the Rev. Mr. Fox, to whom that Parish is indebted for much early nursing care, if it does not regard him as its founder.

*Wednesday, 16th*.... I preached in the Methodist Church, in Washington.

The four following days were, at the earnest request of the Rev. Mr. Ingraham, then in temporary charge of Trinity Church, Natchez, spent in that Parish; the Rector (Rev. Dr. Perry) having gone to Ohio for his family. Although able to do little else, I was thankful to have the ability, as well as opportunity to preach on *Sunday, the 20th*, baptize *three* infants, and administer to *thirty-two* persons the Holy Rite of Confirmation; besides addressing a few words of love and admonition to the members of the Sunday School. During the necessary absence of the Rev. Dr. Perry, the Rev. Mr. Ingraham was untiring in his labors, and truly gratifying was it to me to see as the joint result of their labors, so large a number, of both old and young, willing to take upon themselves the solemn "vow and promise" made at their baptism. The Rector returned with his family, after a few weeks absence. And the proof of his self-sacrificing devotion to the people of his charge, was shown by his remaining among them during the last season of epidemic; and the faithfulness of his teachings, is manifest in the increased and still increasing spiritual condition of his flock.

*Thursday, 24th*.... At the request of Rev. Calvin M'Guffie, Deacon, and after allowing him full time to consider the awful step which he was taking,

I solemnly deposed him from the Ministry, in the presence of Rev. Messrs. Crane and Ozanne.

The next day, (*Friday, 25th,*) I set out for the purpose of attending the Board of Trustees of the "University of the South," summoned to meet at "Beersheba Springs," Tennessee, on the 4th of July; and also with the hope of benefitting my health by a few weeks of travel and relaxation.

The 27th and 28th were spent in Oxford. On *Sunday, the 27th,* I was enabled to preach; and had the additional blessing of laying my hands on ten candidates for the Rite of Confirmation. Among them, I was rejoiced to see four Students of the University. These precious "first fruits" from this interesting and important field, will be cherished in grateful and prayerful remembrance, until the Lord of the harvest shall be pleased to "make of a little one, a thousand." As a lover of sound learning, and especially as an adopted citizen of Mississippi, I could not but look with pride, as well as thankfulness, at many improvements and facilities for instruction which have of late been added to this noble Institution. A more learned, zealous and efficient Presiding Officer than the Rev. Dr. Barnard, could not well be desired. And it is no more than justice to the other members of the Faculty, to say that they are all animated with a like desire to place our State University on a footing with the very first and oldest in the land. During my stay of nearly three days, I was struck with the unusual quiet and good order that pervaded the College buildings and grounds. And I have reason to believe that, allowing for the unavoidable evils of a College life, there is as little to be feared at this place, for the morals of the young, as at any similar seat of learning, not under express Religious or Denominational restraint.

*Tuesday, 29th*.....I passed in Holly Springs, not so much with the view of making an official visitation, as of ascertaining the progress of their new Church, and when it would be ready for consecration.

Of the meeting of the Trustees of our University at Beersheba, on the 4th of July, I need not here speak in detail, as the printed Journal of our proceedings on that occasion has been widely circulated. I cannot, however, fail to acknowledge in this place, the goodness of God in bringing all present to a perfect and hearty unanimity with respect to the proposed site of our Institution; and in stirring up anew both Clergy and Laity to work with a good will in that noble enterprise.

During the months of July and August, I remained at Beersheba, with the exception of a few days spent at Sewanee in examining its many beauties, and assuring myself of its extraordinary fitness for our intended purpose. A more delightful resort for the invalid, can hardly anywhere be found than at the Beersheba Springs; and very deservedly is it attracting more and more of the attention of those who fear to spend the Summer months at home. I was sorry, however, to find that its waters were not of the kind which my peculiar disease required. After several severe returns of my past attacks, I was urged to try the effects of the sulphur waters of Virginia. Accordingly I spent nearly three weeks in the month of September at the Alleghany Springs. Here I found water peculiarly adapted to my case; and felt my health and strength returning to me day by day. The

approach of cold weather, however, together with the hope that I was now about to resume my labors, compelled me to leave the place before the full measure of benefit had been obtained. During my stay there, as well as at Beesaheba and Sewanee, I preached and labored for the Church as often and as much as my feeble health would admit.

Whilst at Beersheba, I admitted (July 29th) Henry C. Harris, of Natches, and William H. Phillips, (August 8th,) of Holly Springs, as Candidates for Orders; received Rev. Joseph H. Ingraham, (Sept. 15th,) from the Diocese of Tennessee, and Rev. John Philson, (June 29th,) from the Diocese of Louisiana; and gave "Letters Dimissory" to the Rev. Mr. Lawson, (August 14th,) and Rev. Mr. Rogers, (August 25th,)—directed in both cases to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Tennessee.

My first attempt to use my partially restored strength, was at Corinth, on the 25th of September. The Rev. Mr. Stout, who accompanied me, preached that evening, and I twice the next day, *Sunday, the 26th*. My discourse on Sunday forenoon was unwritten; but God forbid that I should say, without previous meditation and prayer. It was on the distinctive features of our Holy Apostolic Church. Although convinced that the many and widespread misconceptions on these points required great plainness of speech, and forbid any withholding of the truth, I endeavored most carefully so to guard my language as to give offence to no one present. And I was truly thankful afterwards to learn that my endeavor and prayer had not been in vain, although nine-tenths of the congregation were more or less committed to one denomination or another. And here, permit me, brethren of the Clergy, to say to you what the experience of nearly forty years in the Ministry has taught your Bishop, that however binding it is upon us to preach the truth in all points concerning Christ and his Church, especially in this uncatholic and novelty-loving age, yet let it always be remembered that a prudent regard is due to the time and occasion; and above all, that that truth, dear as it may be to our hearts, must be spoken "in love," if we wish to find a lodgement in the hearts of others.

Two young persons came forward as firstlings of this little flock, to renew their baptismal vows, and offer themselves a living sacrifice to God. May He duly reward them for this early devotion to His service. The following morning the sum of \$900 was subscribed by a few individuals towards the erection of a Church on the lot already given for that purpose by Col. James H. Walker. And I have since been much gratified at learning, that the subscription list has grown to more than \$2,000. At my request, the Rev. Mr. Rogers has promised to visit this place as often as duty to his other charges will permit.

Although receiving much and valuable assistance on this occasion from the Rev. Mr. Stout, I was led by the interest taken in the services, to labor more than my little strength would justify. This did not prevent me, however, from fulfilling my next engagement to be at Early Grove on the 3d and 4th of October; where I preached twice, baptized one adult, confirmed fifteen persons, and consecrated the elements for the Holy Communion. In these several services I was much assisted by the Rector, (Rev. Mr. Rogers,) Rev.



Mr. Shindler, Rev. Mr. Stout, Rev. Mr. Hackett of Arkansas, Rev. Mr. Currie of Louisiana, and Rev. Mr. Gierlow of Tennessee. The Church was well filled on each occasion, and all things wore the appearance of a continuous prosperity. The lively and unabating interest shown by this people in spiritual things, is attributable, under God, to the sound instruction concerning the Church, which their successive Pastors have inculcated upon them. Some fruits of that sound teaching may be seen in the single fact, that on my last four visitations I have confirmed fifty-one persons in that small Parish of thirteen families. "Wilson Hall," the Institution founded by the liberality of the congregation, together with material aid from Mrs. Wilson and other Legatees of her late husband, I was glad to find in a prosperous condition. The building, though not finished within, has for some time been in use, and is now under the management of the Rev. Mr. Shindler, whose attainments as a scholar not only fit him for imparting the soundest and highest instruction to his present charge, but justly entitle him to a more conspicuous position among the teachers of our land.

Having just mentioned the name of Mrs. Margaret Wilson, I am pained to add that that excellent woman,—that "Mother in Israel,"—is no longer with us. Truly saddening to my spirit was it to find that hearth cold, and that threshold untrodden, where I had always found a welcome and a home. Mrs. Wilson was one for whom education had done but little; a kindly nature had done more; but Grace had crowned the whole. Towards building up the Church of her fathers, and promoting the spiritual benefit of her friends and neighbors, she was unwearied in life; nor did she fail to remember God's house, when disposing in her last hours of that which He had entrusted to her keeping. What higher praise could attach to the memory of any Christian man or woman? Would that more may follow her bright example!

From "Early Grove" I passed to "Holly Springs," where, on *Wednesday, the 6th*, I was met by the Rev. Messrs. Fagg, and Hackett, and Gierlow, besides the Rev. Mr. Ingraham, the Rector of the Parish. Services were held through two days, during which I baptized *one* adult and *two* infants, and confirmed *three* persons. On *Thursday, (7th.)* the beautiful Church, just completed, was solemnly dedicated to God's service. The Sermon, and the more especial parts of the Consecration Service, were the only portions of that day's labors that I could take upon myself. The other services of the occasion were performed by the Clergy present. The temple that day set apart to the worship of Almighty God, is a suitable and praiseworthy expression of the liberality and piety of the congregation; and may justly rank among the most beautiful Church buildings in the Southern country. Nor must I forget to state that the pious liberality of this people has not stopped here. To this house for God's worship they have added a Rectory, or a home for His Minister. Would that this could be said of every Parish of the Diocese, however humble that home may be! And permit me to say, my brethren of the Laity, that until this necessary provision becomes an appendage to every Church, we can never hope for a settled and permanent Clergy. The Rev. Mr. Ingraham, though just entering on his charge, has

already displayed much zeal in promoting the varied interests of the Church. Among these, he justly regards "St. Thomas' Hall" as deserving much of his time and labor. Having been elected by the Trustees to the Rectorship of that Institution, he has already repaired and refitted a portion of it, and is assiduously endeavoring in every way, to place it on a more firm and elevated position than it has ever yet occupied. The exercises were commenced in September last, under the immediate control of Mr. Wm. Clark, supervised by the Rector. As the only Diocesan School which we now have for boys, I cannot but pray for its success, and invoke the good will of every part of the Diocese in its behalf.

On the evening of *Friday, the 8th*, I admitted the Rev. John Gierlow to the Order of Priests. This was done at the request of the Bishop of Tennessee, to whose jurisdiction Mr. Gierlow at that time belonged.

At the close of these services, I felt compelled by failing health to postpone for a few weeks my visitation to the Eastern and Southern portions of the Diocese. During this period of comparative rest, I ventured to attend the "Board of Missions," which was to assemble in Baltimore on the 13th of October. That meeting, it gives me pleasure to say, was marked with great good feeling on all sides, and with much more unanimity than was expected.

On my return, I received (Oct. 16th) upon my list of Presbyters, the Rev. John Gierlow; and (Oct. 20th) the Rev. Robert F. Clute—the former from the Diocese of Tennessee—the latter from that of Louisiana.

*Saturday and Sunday, 24th and 25th of October*, were given to St. Andrew's Parish, Marshall County. On Sunday I preached to the whites in the forenoon, and the blacks in the afternoon; administering the Holy Communion on the former occasion, and confirming *one* person.

On my way from this Parish to the Eastern portion of the Diocese, I spent a day at Oxford, and was rejoiced to find that the long-contemplated Church building was rapidly rising in its symmetrical proportions. In beauty of design and in appropriate finish, this building promises to be all that the purposes of taste as well as devotion could well require. It is an offering to the Lord from the hands of a very small number; but it is freely given, and it promises to be (so far as may be said of even the best of our gifts) meet for the Master's use.

I reached Pontotoc on *Thursday, the 29th*, where I was met by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Gibson. Besides preaching twice, I administered the Rite of Confirmation to *six* persons. The condition of this little flock has much improved since Mr. Gibson has taken it in charge. The desire to build a more suitable house for God than that which they now use for His worship, is still prayerfully, if not very hopefully cherished. Among the few who on this occasion received the "Laying-on-of-hands," was a youth of marked piety, who looks forward with holy eagerness to the day when he shall be prepared and commissioned to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the 31st of October, and 1st and 2d November*, were spent in Okolona, where, in addition to the assistance of the Rector, I was pleased to have that of the Rev. Mr. Clute. I was enabled to preach

three times, and administer the Rite of Confirmation to *five* persons. This Parish, as well as that of Pontotoc, shows how much may be done by a faithful and zealous Minister towards reviving the hopes of a declining and desponding people. The Church building, which had for some time been neglected, and even abused, has been thoroughly repaired and beautified; and the general condition of the Parish, in every way, invigorated and improved. During my stay, I was gratified to learn that the Vestry had given the Rev. Mr. Clute a unanimous call to supply the place of their Rector, the Rev. Mr. Gibson, who is soon to remove to Columbus.

On *Monday, the 1st of November*, I preached at the beautiful little Chapel three miles from Okolona, erected by Dr. John Tucker, but now the property of Duncan Hubbard, Esq., and used jointly for the instruction of their slaves. The house was crowded with a most attentive and serious congregation. After a short service by the Rev. Mr. Gibson, I addressed the colored people, and confirmed *ten* of their number.

It is with no little gratification that I here state, that since my late visit to Okolona, the large unfinished building erected at that place by the Rev. Mr. Lawson, for a Female School, has been purchased by Col. Charles Gates, who generously offers to convey it to the proper authorities as a Church School of the Diocese. With the assistance of a few other friends, it will be soon finished, and be made ready for use by the 1st of October. I heartily commend this enterprise to the patronage of the Churchmen of the Diocese, and to all lovers of a sound and thorough education for girls.

On *Wednesday, the 3d*, I was to have preached at Pikeville; but the friends of the Church near that place cheerfully consented that the day should be given to Houston. Accordingly, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Gibson, I rode over to that place, and preached at night to a small congregation in the Methodist Church. The families around Pikeville, which united a year or two since in organizing a Parish, have since resolved to unite themselves with "Grace Church," Okolona.

Reached Aberdeen on *Friday, the 5th*, and remained four days.

*Sunday, 7th*.... I preached in the forenoon, baptized and confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion. The remaining services of the day were prevented by a continuous rain. On *Saturday* and *Monday* evenings Rev. Mr. Gibson preached, besides rendering me much assistance in the other services.

No perceptible improvement has taken place in the condition of this congregation since my last visit. The Rev. Mr. Lawson, who left them some two or three months ago, was so much hampered by his School and other imperative calls upon his attention, that he could not devote himself as he desired to their Spiritual good.

I was much gratified, before leaving the Parish, to see a determination on the part of the Vestry to settle without delay the long-standing claims against the Church, and on the part of *all*, to do what they could towards raising a salary sufficient, with aid from the Diocesan Missionary Fund, to support a Pastor.

The sum of \$1,500, which the Bishop pledged himself four years ago to

raise for the purpose of saving their Church from public sale, has been obtained and paid over: and he here takes this opportunity of returning his heartfelt thanks to one and all of the kind and liberal, who helped him to redeem that pledge.

*Tuesday, the 9th.*....Rode to Waverly, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Gibson, and the next morning reached Columbus, where I remained three days. Assisted by Messrs. Gibson and Clute, I preached twice, baptized *two* infants, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed *twelve* persons, on three different occasions.

This congregation, though still without a place of their own to worship in, and much oppressed by the unexpected cost of their yet unfinished Church, appears to be animated by a more hopeful and resolute spirit than ever. A few months more will no doubt place them in possession of their new and truly beautiful temple; and one more hearty and united effort will put it in their power to have it unencumbered by debt, and ready for consecration. The Rev. Mr. Gibson is to take them in charge at the end of this year. During the time in which the Rev. Mr. Clute has been in temporary charge, no little has been done to revive the hopes and incite the zeal of the congregation. The much improved condition of affairs speaks loudly for the faithfulness of his labors.

*Saturday, 13th.*....Reached Macon, and preached that night in the Presbyterian Church to a very small congregation; also on the following day, both in the forenoon and at night. There has been for some years sufficient material in this place for the formation of a congregation, and ability enough to contribute one half of the sum necessary for a Minister's salary. But for want of some one of their number to take the lead and press forward the work, nothing has been done towards obtaining the services of a Minister. One of the oft-recurring trials of a Bishop, in his rounds from year to year, is thus to see some spot in the Lord's vineyard lying waste, not so much from want of laborers willing to tend it, as from inertness and indifference on the part of the people to their own wants and their ability to supply them.

*Wednesday, Nov. 17th.*....Preached at "Church of the Messiah," twelve miles distant from Macon; baptized *one* adult and *two* infants, confirmed *three* persons, and administered the Holy Communion. At 6 o'clock in the evening, I again preached at "Shuqualak Depot" three miles distant, in the Baptist Church, kindly tendered for the purpose.

*Thursday, 18th.*....Was spent in DeKalb, chiefly for the purpose of showing my regard to a most worthy member of our Communion, who, though standing entirely alone in her relation to the Church, retains an undiminished attachment to her Ministry and Ordinances; and illustrates her teachings by a blameless and consistent life. By request of the Methodist Minister of the place, I preached in his Church that evening.

*Friday, 19th.*....I reached "Lauderdale Springs," some twenty miles lower on the Mississippi and Ohio Railroad, where I found four members of our Communion. Through some misunderstanding in making the appointments for this and several of the adjoining Stations along this road, I found that

there was no expectation of my coming at this time, and of course no notice given for public service.

After spending a day in visiting the friends of the Church, I passed on next day to "Marion Depot," but, owing to no delay on my part, I was not in time to fulfil my appointment for that day. The next morning (*Sunday, 21st,*) I preached in an open School-house near the Depot, to a congregation small in number, and as attentive as the unusual severity of the weather, and the exposed condition of the house would allow them to be. I spoke to them without notes, and endeavored to make them in some degree acquainted with the Primitive Truth and Apostolic Order to be found in our Church.

*Tuesday, the 22d* .... Returned twelve miles, through the rain, to "Lauderdale Springs," where I preached at night to a small congregation. A larger number would have been present, if they had not supposed that the inclemency of the day would prevent my attendance.

My next visit (*24th*) was to "Meridian," the point at which the "Southern Railroad" will soon intersect the "Mobile and Ohio Railroad." This place, though now containing not a half dozen houses, will no doubt present, ere long, a far different aspect; and, in time, become a place of much business. One of the proprietors of the place, kindly offered me a site for a Church.

*Thursday, 24th* .... I visited Enterprise, a village of some size and of no little business, on the line of this Railroad. Here I found at least six members of our Communion, and several others professing a preference for the ministrations of our Church. My arrival was altogether unexpected, as my appointment had failed to reach them. I therefore did not preach; but spent the few hours of my stay in visiting the friends of the Church, and ascertaining both their desire and ability to provide themselves with a portion of a Minister's services. The result of my enquiries was a confident hope that a Missionary would find here a profitable field of labor.

From "Enterprise" I passed down to "Quitman" on the 25th, where I was welcomed with almost tearful joy by two or three of our fold, whose eyes had been long unblessed by the sight of a Minister of the Church. Year after year had I been hoping and intending to visit them, but had not been able to do so. My coming therefore, though at that time unlooked for, was to them a joyous occasion. After visiting most of the families in the place, I preached at night on the 26th, in the Baptist Church, to a congregation remarkably attentive, and quite large for the occasion. This was the first time that our services were ever performed in this place. They were listened to in that orderly and serious manner which they seldom fail to beget, whether heard for the first or the hundredth time. A Missionary would be hailed with joy, if he could officiate in this place even for one Sunday in the month.

*Saturday, the 27th* .... I stopped an hour or two at "DeSoto," but finding again that no appointment had been made for me, I passed down to the neighborhood of Waynesboro', where I spent a pleasant and quiet Sunday at the residence of a friend, recently removed from Chickasaw County. In order that the day might not pass unemployed, I preached to the family and

servants, after using such parts of our service as were adapted to the occasion.

Thus ended a series of visits to the several Stations along this Railroad—a work attended with no inconsiderable labor, and, so far as human eyes can see, with but little fruit. A different result might have followed, if due notice had been given of my coming. This, however, was not done, owing to the negligence of one to whom the business was confidently entrusted.

After leaving that region, I learned that two or three Church families reside in the neighborhood of the "Belle-Monte Springs," in Wayne County; and regretted that I did not know it in time to visit them. Between that place on the South, and "Lauderdale Springs" on the North, a Missionary of our Church would find along that line of road enough, and more than enough, to fill his hands.

My next appointment was for Biloxi, where, after the usual round of visits, I preached twice on Sunday, the 5th of December. I was glad to find the Rev. Charles H. Williamson, M. D., in charge of this little flock; for I much feared that I could not soon find a suitable successor to their late zealous Pastor. So short a time, however, had elapsed since Dr. Williamson entered upon his duties, that no persons had been prepared for Confirmation. Thus far his labors have been well received, and give good promise of success.

On Tuesday, I rode over with Dr. Williamson to Mississippi City, at which place, as well as at Handsboro', I expected to preach the next day. But I was once more disappointed at finding that no notice had been given of my coming. Through the zealous exertions of Rev. Dr. Savage, I learn that a subscription of a considerable amount has been obtained towards erecting a Church on the beautiful site given for that purpose several years ago by Dr. Tegarden.

December 9th—12th.... These four days were given to Pas Christian; and were spent in visiting from house to house, as well as in preaching when opportunity would permit. On Sunday, the 12th, assisted by the Rector, (Rev. Mr. Sill,) and by Rev. Dr. Savage, I preached, administered the Lord's Supper, and confirmed *nineteen* persons. Among these were six or seven of the pupils of Dr. Savage's school; an Institution of which I can truly say, that it is doing more for the spread of sound learning and true Church principles than any other of like kind, within or near the bounds of our Diocese. It was no little pleasure to me to see that its facilities for imparting instruction are increasing from year to year, and that it has latterly engaged the services of a very efficient corps of Teachers. No better evidence of the faithfulness and acceptableness with which this Parish is served could be given, than the fact that the large additions recently made to the Church, are already insufficient to accommodate the number that attend the Rector's services through a great part of the year.

From Pas Christian I went to Shieldsborough, where I spent four days. I was accompanied by Rev. Dr. Savage, to whom the few friends and members of the Church at this place, are indebted for many and faithful services. With his assistance in the Prayers, I preached on Tuesday, the 13th, and confirmed *two* persons. I was sorry to learn that the active measures recently

entered upon by the friends of the Church in this place, towards the purchase of a suitable site for both a Church and School, had been measurably defeated by the want of good faith in the party with whom they had contracted. I feel confident, however, that under the blessing of God, the zealous endeavors of Dr. Savage and his little flock will yet be crowned with success. The beauty and healthfulness of this place, point it out as a highly favorable location for a Church School. Greatly would I rejoice to see here an institution for training boys, of like character and efficiency with that of Pas Christian for educating girls.

On *Wednesday, the 15th*, when preparing to turn my face homeward, I was unexpectedly stricken down by a sudden and violent return of my late disease. Great reason had I, however, for thankfulness, in having been first enabled to complete the visitation of the past ten weeks; a time, to me, of more than usual labor and privation, but still a time of unexpected health, and of ability to meet every duty which I thought the occasion demanded.

On *Sunday morning, (the 19th of December,)* I was graciously permitted to reach the home which I had not seen for nearly six months; and to find my family rejoicing in the care of a kind Providence. At 7 o'clock in the evening of that day, I preached in St. Andrew's Church, and confirmed eleven persons. Of the greatly improved condition and brightening prospects of this Parish under its present Rector, I can hardly speak with too much thankfulness.

*Sunday, January 9th, 1859....* I visited St. Matthew's Church, Clinton; preached, and confirmed *three*—and with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Elwell, the Rector, administered the Holy Communion. It was truly gratifying to see how neatly and appropriately the congregation had fitted up the Church building which they have recently purchased; and to learn that Mr. Elwell's services are well attended.

*Saturday, Jan. 15th....* Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Smyser, I visited Osyka. The next day, (16th,) I preached in the forenoon, and Rev. Mr. Smyser in the afternoon. My discourse was chiefly on the distinguishing features of the Church of Christ; and my aim was to show to those present, who were for the most part entire strangers to our branch of the Church, how closely we conform to the pattern of Evangelical Truth and Apostolic Order of the first and purest ages of the Gospel. I was listened to with an attention worthy of the subject; and with a degree of interest which its novelty alone, independent of its importance, could hardly have produced.

I was pleased to learn that since my last visit, a very eligible site had been secured for their contemplated Church, and a subscription obtained of \$800. On Monday morning a meeting of the friends of the Church was called, and a Parish was duly organized, by the name of the "Church of the Saviour." The Rev. Mr. Smyser was subsequently invited to give them a portion of his time.

All that has been done for the Church in this place is owing, under God, to the zealous and untiring exertions of one, or at most, two ladies, who though unblest (if a blessing it be) with an abundance of this world's wealth, are truly rich in that better treasure—a heart filled with love and trust in God,

and a desire to live and labor for His glory. During my stay, I had the pleasure of giving authoritative baptism to *two* most worthy persons who had previously received that Rite, or rather its semblance, from other than Ministerial hands.

During the next six weeks, I was not only incapacitated by sickness from making any further visitations, but was for a great portion of the time confined to my chamber and bed. Two appointments were made by me to officiate at Raymond, and one at Brandon, but in each case I was compelled to withdraw them, on account of my sickness.

*Saturday, Feb. 19th*.... I visited "Terry," a Depot on the N. O. and G. N. Railroad, sixteen miles South of Jackson. Through the labors of Rev. Mr. Sansom, assisted by Rev. Mr. Smyser, a few friends of the Church had been brought together at this place during the last Autumn, and had expressed a desire to form themselves into a Parish and obtain the services of a Minister. They have so far accomplished their object as to have secured a spacious and convenient lot for a Church building—to have raised by subscription about \$1,000 towards its erection, and to have engaged the services of the Rev. Mr. Smyser for nearly a third of his time. On *Sunday, the 20th*, I preached in an unfinished Hotel to a congregation, made few in number by the unusual coldness of the weather. The prayers were conducted by Rev. Mr. Smyser. What has been done for the Church at this place, as at Ozyka, has been the work of one, or at most, two zealous and whole-souled women, in the face of no little opposition and discouragement. God be praised, that if the husbands and fathers of our day *will* withhold themselves from His service, the wife and the mother cannot equally be held back. But it is not at this place only that one active, independent and energetic man is needed to take the lead in this good work. In many other congregations, of larger size and older date, do I see, from year to year, the best interests of the Church either neglected or imperfectly attended to, for the want of one faithful, unselfish, God-loving man, willing to do what he can for Christ and his cause.

*February 25th*.... Confirmed *one* person in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

*Sunday, March 6th*.... I was to have officiated at the "Chapel of the Cross" on this day; but as the time drew near, I was informed by the congregation that the condition of the roads was such as to render it unsafe, if not impracticable, to meet my appointment. I then determined to give the day to Brandon. Although assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Elwell, I was enabled to do no more than to preach once.

*March 8th*.... Received from the Standing Committee, testimonials in favor of Messrs. Geo. Stewart and M. L. Weller, recommending them for Deacon's Orders.

*At Wednesday, March 9th*.... I confirmed *one* person in St. Andrew's Church, at Evening Prayers.

*March 12th*.... I issued a "Circular" to the Clergy of the Diocese, with the view of calling their attention to the low condition of our Diocesan Missionary Fund. And I was happy to learn from the Treasurer that it was not without effect.

*Friday, March 18th*.... I went to Canton; preached the following morning,



and twice on Sunday, confirming also *eight* persons, and administering the Holy Communion, with the assistance of the Rector, Rev. Mr. Sansom. It was gratifying to see this Parish still prospering, notwithstanding the large proportion of time which the Rector devotes to several other fields of labor.

*March 24th*.... Confirmed *one* person in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

*Sunday, the 27th*, as well as the two preceding days, was spent in Vicksburg. Assisted by the Rector and the Rev. Mr. Fox, I preached in the forenoon, and administered the Holy Rite of Confirmation to *fourteen* persons, (one in private.) Before the commencement of the services, I made an Address to the Sunday School, which I was gratified to find large in number, well organized, and duly prospering under its efficient Superintendent and other Teachers. My feeble health prevented me from completing my usual round of visits to the several families of the congregation.

Whilst surveying with thankfulness the evident signs of growth and prosperity in this Parish, I could not but with unfeigned grief look upon the vacant seat of one whose warm heart had heretofore been among the first to greet me, and whose presence I had never until now missed in the House of God; I mean that pure, humble, zealous, kind-hearted servant of God, Dr. Tilton Bigelow. In speaking of this truly Christian brother, and of the mysterious Providence displayed in his sudden and violent end, I almost fear to trust myself; for there was something in the gentle and kindly spirit of that man, as well as in his devotion to every interest of the Church, that won a large and warm place for him in the heart of his Bishop. From no labor, nor sacrifice, for the Church's sake, was he ever known to shrink; and many were the occasions when, in the opinions of others, he gave more to her cause than his little worldly wealth would justify. An intimate acquaintance of eight years, together with many casual opportunities of observing his charities, will confidently sustain me in saying of this departed brother, that in proportion to his ability I have never, here nor elsewhere, known the man who gave more liberally either of his time or money to the service of God. It was a gratification to me to know that both my high esteem for his character, and my appreciation of his services, were largely participated by the whole congregation; and that his Pastor had been pleased to embalm his memory in an appropriate discourse.

*Tuesday, 29th*.... At the request of Rev. Mr. Ozanne, Chaplain to our State Penitentiary, I preached to the convicts of that Institution, and confirmed *three* of their number. §

I need not say how deeply I felt on finding myself surrounded by such a class of hearers. But that feeling was soon supplanted by the more pleasing one of thankfulness to God, for the Religious privileges which they were permitted to enjoy; for the marked and serious attention paid by every one of them, and the heartiness with which a number joined in the prayers and praises of our Service. I trust that the faithful labors of Mr. Ozanne, may soon be rewarded with more like fruit.

*Wednesday, March 30th*.... United a couple in matrimony, at 7 o'clock, A. M., in St. Andrew's Church; and immediately afterwards set out on my visitation to the Southern Parishes.

My first stop was at "Diamond Place," where I preached on *Friday, the 1st of April*, and confirmed *one* white person, and *five* of the servants of Mr. Laughlin. The day previous, I preached at the house of Mrs. Freeland, and confirmed *thirty-four* of her servants. The scene presented on this occasion, would have made glad the heart of any one at all interested in the Spiritual condition of this people; and might have warded off no little of the censure so indiscriminately and unsparingly heaped upon us for our neglect of them. On no occasion, whether in a white or colored assembly, have I heard the ordinary responses more generally and more heartily made; and rarely, if ever, have the beautiful chants of the Church come to my ears with more of earnest and hearty feeling in their tones. My limited strength prevented me from catechizing the younger ones as their Minister desired. The administration of the Holy Communion closed the services of the day. And blessed indeed was the sight of nearly fifty of these slaves, kneeling by the side of this mistress at the Altar of their Common Lord and Master. Would that it could have been witnessed from one end of our country to the other! It is not more than eighteen months since the Rev. Mr. Damus took the Spiritual charge of this plantation. The results of this day ought surely to convince the unbelieving of the great benefit to be derived by that class, from the ministrations and instructions of our Church, especially when accompanied by the example of those to whose care Providence has assigned them. The success of Mr. Damus at this point, as well as at "Diamond Place" and "Hurricane," together with the gratifying fruits of Rev. Mr. Sansom's labors at the "Chapel of the Cross," convincingly prove not only the superior value to this class, of the instruction provided by the Church, but also the adaptedness of our Liturgical forms to their understanding and profit, and the readiness and evident delight with which they use them.

From "Diamond Place" I passed down to "Hurricane," where I was by appointment to officiate the following Saturday and Sunday. I addressed the blacks, on Saturday evening, on the subject of confessing Christ. But when the hour for Service on Sunday was approaching, it was found that this day of rest was, of necessity, to become one of more than usual labor, inasmuch as the swollen and still swelling torrent of the Mississippi was hourly threatening to break over its banks; presenting, as I thought, one of those exceptional cases upon which we trust the MAKER of the Sabbath looks with due allowance. A large number of slaves assembled for worship at night. Mr. Damus, at my direction, used the more suitable parts of our Evening Service; and after a discourse by myself, *five* were confirmed. The labors of Mr. Damus in behalf of these servants, have been earnest and untiring; and it is to be hoped that the evil influence so long exerted upon them by four or five of their number presuming to administer the sacraments, will now be at an end.

Thus far my partly-recovered health had sustained me. But whilst pursuing my way to the lower Parishes, I was once more prostrated by two successive attacks of the same disease which has now, for more than two years, brought down my strength. I was therefore reluctantly compelled to recall my appointments for Grand Gulf and Epiphany Church, and return to

my family. My hope was, that after a few days of rest and quiet, I would be enabled to meet my next appointment at Christ Church, Jefferson County; but in this, also, it was seen best that I should be disappointed.

*April 14th*.... Received Rev. Charles H. Williamson among my list of Presbyters, on Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Louisiana.

Although prevented from resuming my intended visitation to Woodville and other Southern Parishes, I was truly thankful in having it in my power to attend in St. Andrew's Church a number of the Holy Services of Lent, and especially of Passion Week. These Services were performed by the Rector to the full measure required, and even recommended by the Church for the occasion. And as the Holy Season advanced, he was rewarded by seeing from day to day an increasing number waiting upon God with their morning and evening sacrifice, and following in contemplation the footsteps of that Lamb of God who gave himself for the sins of the world. The Divine blessing cannot but follow, (and that abundantly,) such calls to prayer, and such subjects of meditation as that Holy Season annually presents to us.

*Sunday, 24th, (Easter Day)*.... In the absence of the Chaplain, I officiated once more at the Penitentiary, (at 7½ A. M.,) assisted in the Services by the Rev. Mr. Crane. As on the occasion previously mentioned, the preaching of the Word was received with deep and serious attention; and the eyes of not a few were moistened, as I trust, with the tear of repentance.

I had further cause for thankfulness on that Holy Day, in being able to assist the Rector of St. Andrew's Church in the administration of the Holy Communion.

This last record brings the broken labors of the year up to the present hour. Yet interrupted and unfinished as my task has been, God has graciously shown that his work is dependent on no such feeble hands as mine. Although many important interests of the Diocese continue to languish and almost to be forgotten, signs of progress and improvement are springing up in other quarters, where much had not previously been expected.

The number Confirmed, since our last Convention, is *two hundred and fifty*; (of whom sixty-three were slaves.) This is by far the largest number confirmed in any one year during my Episcopate; and is the more thankfully to be acknowledged, inasmuch as want of health has kept me from visiting nearly one-third of the Diocese.

I have Baptized, of White Adults,..... 9

White Infants,..... 11

Two Churches have been consecrated, viz: "Christ Church," Jefferson County, and "Christ Church," Holly Springs. Four others will, in a few weeks, be ready for the same office at my hands.

Two new Parishes will to-day ask to be admitted into Union with our Convention—one at Osyka, under the title of "The Church of the Saviour," the other at Biloxi, by that of the "Church of the Redeemer." A third Parish was formed at Terry, but the certificate of organization will not, I fear, reach us before our adjournment.

The names of Henry C. Harris, and Wm. H. Phillips, have been added to our list of Candidates for Holy Orders; both of whom are pursuing their

studies in the Theological Institute at Nashota. Our other two Candidates, Messrs. Stewart and Weller, will complete their course in June; and will then, at my request, receive Deacon's Orders at the hand of the Bishop of Wisconsin.

There have been but two Ordinations, viz: of Rev. John Gierlow to the Priesthood; and Mr. Geo. C. Harris to the Order of Deacon.

One Deacon, (Rev. Calvin M'Guffie,) has been deposed from the exercise of the Ministry.

The Rev. Charles W. Whittall, has gone to be with Christ, and to receive the welcome that awaits the "good and faithful servant. His end was as full of peace and hope, as his life had been of labor and trial.

Three Clergymen have dissolved their connection with this Diocese, viz: Rev. Geo. C. Harris, Rev. James W. Rogers, and Rev. Thomas B. Lawson; all of whom have been transferred to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Tennessee.

Ten have been received amongst us, on "Letters Dimissory," from other Dioceses, viz: Rev. James D. Gibson, from South Carolina; Rev. Wm. C. Crane, and Rev. J. Newton Wattson, from Maryland; Rev. Gideon B. Perry, D. D., from Ohio; Rev. Benjamin R. Smyser, from Pennsylvania; Rev. Robert F. Clute, Rev. John Philson, and Rev. Charles H. Williamson, from Louisiana; and Rev. Joseph H. Ingraham, and Rev. John Gierlow, from Tennessee.

The Rev. G. B. Hayden has been absent from the Diocese for nearly two years. In his visits to other Dioceses, in search of a field of labor, he has performed such services as opportunity afforded.

The Rev. Wm. G. H. Jones took "Letters Dimissory" to the Diocese of Virginia, nearly twelve months ago; but they have never yet been acknowledged.

The whole number of Clergy, now canonically belonging to the Diocese, is *thirty-two*. The Rev. Messrs. Fagg and Rogers, though laboring one half of their time within our bounds, are subject to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Tennessee.

No important changes have taken place in the position and relations of the Clergy, beyond what has necessarily arisen from the addition of several to our list; and the removal of one or two others. Rev. Mr. Boyd has returned from California, and is ministering as heretofore to his neighbors and servants. Rev. Wm. C. Crane has become the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; Rev. Robert F. Clute, is in charge of the two Parishes of Okolona and Pontotoc; Rev. Mr. Fox is ministering in conjunction with the Rev. Mr. Sansom, to the congregation of St. Alban, Warren County; Rev. Mr. Damus continues to minister at Diamond Place and Hurricane, but has his residence in Vicksburg; Rev. James D. Gibson has resigned the charge of Okolona and Pontotoc, and taken the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Columbus; Rev. Mr. Greene has left Monticello, and is at present without any charge. Rev. Mr. Ingraham is the Rector of Christ Church, Holly Springs. Rev. Gideon B. Perry, D. D., entered on the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Natchez, in January, 1858. Rev. John Philson is temporarily

# PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

## Trinity Church, Natchez.

The Rector of Trinity Church, Natchez, Adams County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,.....	142
Baptisms..... Adults, White,.....	10 }
Children, White,.....	20 }
Confirmations..... White,.....	56
Communicants..... Former Number, White,.....	127 }
Added,.....	72 }
Died,.....	3 }
Removed,.....	8 }
Present Number, White,.....	188
Marriages.... White,.....	7
Funerals,.....	30
Sunday School Teachers,.....	8 }
" " Scholars,.....	43 }
CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.	
For Diocesan Missions..... First Collection,.....	\$213 70
Second Collection,.....	214 00
From Individ'l Contribut's, 50 00 }	\$477 70
Domestic Missions,.....	208 70
Foreign Missions,.....	184 25
Communion Alms,.....	311 85
Bishop's Salary,.....	500 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....	40 00
Student at Nashotah, per Rector,.....	160 00
Other purposes, as follows:	
Nashotah Theological Seminary,.....	100 00
Church at Aberdeen,.....	335 00
Rectory Repairs \$445; Expenses of Rector's removal \$280,...	725 00
Incidental Expenses of Church,.....	575 00
Total Contributions,.....	\$3,617 50

On the first Sunday in January, 1858, the Rev. Dr. Perry, the present Rector, commenced his ministerial connection with this Parish, by invitation of the Wardens. He accepted the permanent Rectorship on Good Friday following. Up to this date, a period of a little more than three months, his official services were, under God, made instrumental of bringing to united and vigorous action in the Master's cause, many friends of the Parish; and of awakening attention especially to the subject of personal Religion. A class of ten, within this time, was presented by him to the Bishop for confirmation. He was thus allowed, at this early date, to see the work of the Lord flourishing among his people, under his administration.

When on Easter Monday, he left his new field for his family, the Rector had the satisfaction of knowing that several more persons were desirous, on

his return, of renewing their baptismal vow, and openly professing thereby the name of Christ. Some of these, with others, the Rev. Brother having temporary charge of the Parish, collected, and presented to the Bishop for confirmation, making a class of thirty-two.

On the 22d of June, the Rector returned to Natchez with a portion of his family, and at once resumed his Pastoral duties. Since then, the services of the Church have been regularly administered by him, and the congregation (abating the period the epidemic was among us) has been continually increasing; and converts to the blessed cause of Truth, (as from the first,) have been gradually added to the flock of his care.

During the late Diocesan Convention, which held its session with this Church, a class of twenty-four was presented by the Rector, and confirmed by the Bishop; making for the current Ecclesiastical year, fifty-six in all. The number of communicants has been otherwise increased by transfer.

For these tokens of success and mercies, we are solely indebted to the Great Head of the Church; to whom be praise ever more.

G. B. PERRY, Rector.

### St. Paul's Church, Woodville.

The Wardens of St. Paul's Church, Woodville, Wilkinson County, report the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of.....	23
Baptisms....Children, White.....	4
Communicants....Present Number, White.....	30

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary.....	\$100 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention.....	15 00

Total Contributions.....\$115 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DANIEL H. PROSSER, } Wardens.  
C. C. WEST, }

The undersigned, one of the Wardens of St. Paul's Church, begs leave to report, that since the retirement of Rev. Mr. Croes, the Church has been without a Pastor. An invitation was extended to Rev. Mr. Freeman to visit this parish, in order to examine its eligibility, which was declined, after a promise to accept the same. The Vestry have contemplated making another effort to supply the Church with a suitable Minister, and trust they may be successful. Very respectfully,

DAN'L H. PROSSER, Warden.

### Occasional Report.

*Rt. Reverend and Dear Sir:* After returning to Woodville from the Convention, which sat at the City of Jackson in April last, I continued to officiate there regularly until the last Sunday in June. Twice on week days I officiated in the country, several miles from Woodville, viz., at Mr. Hugh Davis' and Mrs. Cooper's. I baptized one infant; and one adult, who had belonged to the Methodist Society; and buried one child, whose parents were members of the Church of Rome. Service was held in St. Paul's on the Festival of the Ascension, and frequently on week days; and the Holy Communion was administered four times. Of the Offerings, \$10 were appropriated to the *Diffusion Society*, and were on the 29th of June transmitted to you in a letter. I remain, Rt. Rev. sir, very respectfully yours,

ROBERT B. CROES,

Temporarily Officiating at Woodville.

*Rt. Rev. Dr. Green.*

### Christ Church, Church Hill.

The Rector of Christ Church, Church Hill, Jefferson County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,	.....	35
Baptisms..... Adults, Colored,	..... 1 }	
Children, White,	..... 7 }	30
" Colored,	..... 22 }	
Confirmations..... White,	.....	4
Communicants..... Former Number, White,	..... 48 }	
Colored,	..... 7 }	61
Added,	..... 6 }	
Died,	..... 3 }	4
Removed,	..... 1 }	
Present Number, White,	..... 51 }	58
Colored,	..... 7 }	
Marriages..... White,	..... 2 }	3
Colored,	..... 1 }	
Funerals,	.....	8

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions..... First Collection,	.....	\$117 00
Domestic Missions,	.....	75 00
Communion Alms,	.....	40 00
Bishop's Salary,	.....	260 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	.....	30 00
Other purposes, as follows :		
Repairs of Bishop's Residence,	.....	250 00

Total Contributions, ..... \$672 00

B. M. MILLER, Rector.

### Christ Church, Vicksburg.

The Rector of Christ Church, Vicksburg, Warren County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of, (removed 2 and added 2),	.....	82
Baptisms..... Adults,	..... 4 }	30
Children,	..... 26 }	
Confirmations,	.....	14
Communicants..... Former Number,	..... 134 }	149
Added,	..... 15 }	
Died,	..... 5 }	9
Removed,	..... 4 }	
Present Number,	.....	140
Marriages,	.....	8
Funerals,	.....	16
Sunday School Teachers,	..... 10 }	100
" " Scholars,	..... 90 }	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions..... First Collection,	..... \$63 80	
Second Collection,	..... 44 15	\$117 70
From Individ'l Contributors,	..... 9 75	
Domestic Missions,	.....	50 00
Foreign Missions,	.....	40 00
Communion Alms,	.....	120 80
Bishop's Salary,	.....	522 50
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	.....	30 00
Other purposes, as follows :		
Sunday Collections,	.....	462 90
To extinguish Church debt,	.....	616 50

Total Contributions, ..... \$1,960 40

W. W. LORD, Rector.

### St. Matthew's Church, Clinton.

The Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Clinton, Hinds County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,	11
Baptisms..... Adults, White,	1 }
Children, White,	3 }
Confirmations..... White,	4
Communicants..... Former Number, White,	15
Added,	5
Died,	1 }
Removed,	2 }
Present Number, White,	17
Marriages..... White,	2
Funerals,	2
Sunday School Teachers,	3 }
" " Scholars,	20 }

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions..... First Collection,	\$4 50 }	\$6 50
Second Collection,	2 00 }	
Domestic Missions,		9 30
Foreign Missions,		3 55
Communion Alms,		21 20
Bishop's Salary,		20 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,		5 00
Other purposes, as follows:		
To pay balance on purchase of Church building,		114 50
Alterations and repairs on said building,		364 80
Contingent Expenses,		20 00

Total Contributions,.....\$564 85

F. ELWELL, Rector.

### St. Mark's Church, Raymond.

The Minister of St. Mark's Church, Raymond, Hinds County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,	8
Communicants,	14

My recent call to the charge of this congregation, together with the destruction of the Parish Register in the late conflagration at Raymond, will account for the meagreness of this Report. I officiate here two Sundays in each month. The attendance is large, and the increasing earnestness among the people encourages the hope, that by the blessing of the Most High, the labors of the Minister may be duly rewarded.

B. R. SMYSER, Deacon.

### St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbus, Lowndes County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,	28
Baptisms..... Adults, White,	1 }
Children, White,	8 }
Colored,	20 }
Confirmations..... White,	15
Communicants..... Present Number, White,	54 }
Colored,	3 }
Marriages..... White,	2 }
Colored,	1 }



Sunday School Teachers.....	6	}	34
“ “ Scholars.....	29		
CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH..			
For Diocesan Missions.... First Collection.....	\$25 00	}	\$45 00
Second Collection.....	20 00		
Communion Alms.....			47 00
Bishop's Salary, .....			90 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention.....			30 00
Other purposes, as follows :			
Melodion; .....			26 75
Sunday School and Parish Library, .....			29 70
Furnishing Rectory, by the Ladies.....			150 00
By same, for debt on Church.....			162 00
Contributed in the Parish towards building Church, .....			12,124 00
Total Contributions; .....			\$12,701 45

This Report embraces a period of nine months, during six of which the Rev. Mr. Clute labored very acceptably and successfully in gathering together the scattered flock which had been so long without a Pastor. Mr. Clute removed to Okolona in December, and the undersigned took charge as Rector. He reports with devout thankfulness the near completion of a new and beautiful Parish Church. A debt of \$2,000 still remains on it, and the people have been reluctantly obliged to ask aid of their brethren in other Parishes. The Church completed and out of debt, the congregation purpose erecting a comfortable Rectory adjoining the Church lot. The Rector considers the general condition of this Parish as eminently prosperous, and is much encouraged in noticing an increased attention manifested to Spiritual things.

JAS. D. GIBSON, Rector.

### Christ Church, Holly Springs.

The Rector of Christ Church, Holly Springs, Marshall County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of.....	25		
Baptisms..... Adults, White.....	2	}	11
Children, White.....	9		
Confirmations..... White.....	3		
Communicants..... Former Number, White.....	50	}	51
Colored.....	1		
Added.....	7		
Died.....	1	}	2
Removed.....	1		
Present Number, White.....	55	}	56
Colored.....	1		
Sunday School Teachers.....	5	}	36
" " Scholars.....	31		

### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions.... First Collection.....	\$26 40	}	\$132 40
From Individ'l Contributors, 106 00			
Foreign Missions.....	20 15		
Communion Alms.....	25 00		
Bishop's Salary.....	60 00		
Other purposes, as follows :			
S. S. for Japan Mission.....	3 00		
Amount received on the new Church in 12 months.....	2,635 00		
On Rectory, same time.....	1,772 25		
Furnace and Incidental Expenses.....	368 05		
By Ladies, for furnishing Church, &c.....	180 00		
Total Contributions.....	\$5,088 60		

J. H. INGRAHAM, Rector.

### St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, Hinds County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Following Statement from the Register of the Parish.			
Families, Number of,			80
Baptisms.....Adults, White,	6	}	29
Children, White,	22		
Colored,	1		
Confirmations.....White,			17
Communicants.....Former Number, White,	88	}	90
Colored,	2		
Added,			32
Died,	3	}	17
Removed,	14		
Present Number, White,	98	}	105
Colored,	7		
Marriages.....White,			4
Funerals,			17
Sunday School Teachers,	8	}	73
" " Scholars,	65		
CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.			
For Diocesan Missions.....First Collection,	\$5 00	}	\$90 00
Second Collection,	85 00		
Domestic Missions,			42 50
Foreign Missions,			42 50
Communion Alms,			143 58
Bishop's Salary,			300 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,			30 00
Incidental Parochial Expenses,			195 00
Other purposes, as follows :			
Repairs on the Episcopal Residence,			200 00
Liquidation of Church debt, (in full,)			843 47
Annual Premium for Insurance on Rector's life,			227 00
Expense of Rector's removal to the Parish,			200 00

Total Contributions, .....\$2,314 05

WM. CROES CRANE, Rector.

### Epiphany Church, Claiborne County.

The Rector of Epiphany Church, Claiborne County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Statement from the Register of the Parish.			
Families, Number of,.....			8
Baptisms.....Adults, White,.....	3	}	15
Children, White,.....	5		
Colored,.....	7		
Communicants...Former Number, White,.....	7	}	9
Colored,.....	2		
Added,.....			7
Present Number, White,.....	13	}	16
Colored,.....	3		
Marriages....White,.....			1
Sunday School Teachers,.....	3	}	12
" " Scholars,.....	9		
CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.			
For Diocesan Missions,.....			\$17 25
Communion Alms,.....			10 50
Bishop's Salary,.....			35 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....			5 00

Other purposes, as follows :

Sundry commodities for Church and Rectory,..... 145 00

Total Contributions,..... \$212 75

This Report dates from Nov. 14th, when the present Rector took charge of the Parish, and is not, therefore, an exhibit of the year.

The Rector cannot forego the pleasure of expressing his gratitude to the ladies of his parish, for their kindness and liberality towards himself and family.

JOHN GIERLOW, Rector.

### [St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,.....		7
Baptisms.... Adults, White,.....	1 }	
Colored,.....	1 }	
Children, White,.....	1 }	10
Colored,.....	7 }	
Confirmations.... White,.....		1
Communicants... Former Number, White,.....	12 }	
Colored,.....	23 }	35
Added,.....		3
Died,.....	2 }	
Removed,.....	3 }	5
Present Number, White,.....	12 }	
Colored,.....	21 }	33
Marriages.... White,.....	3 }	
Colored,.....	8 }	11
Funerals,.....		2

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,.....	\$15 00
Bishop's Salary,.....	50 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....	10 00
Total Contributions,.....	\$75 00

Divine Service is celebrated at St. Andrew's Church, on the second and fourth Sundays in each month. The rest of my time is occupied in Tennessee.

WILLIAM FAGG, Rector.

### Trinity Church, Yazoo City.

The Rector of Trinity Church, at Yazoo City, Yazoo county, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,.....		23
Baptisms.... Children, White,.....		2
Communicants... Former Number, White,.....		36
Added,.....		3
Removed,.....		16
Present Number, White,.....		23
Marriages.... Colored,.....		1
Funerals,.....		2
Sunday School Teachers,.....	4 }	
" " Scholars,.....	15 }	19

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,.... Second Collection,.....	\$15 00
Foreign Missions,.....	13 00

For Communion Alms,.....	39 63
Bishop's Salary,.....	80 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....	20 00
Other purposes, as follows :	
Current Expenses of Church and Sunday School,.....	93 35
Total Contributions,.....	\$260 98
J. FOSTER, Rector.	

### St. John's Church, Pontotoc.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Pontotoc, Pontotoc County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,.....	11
Baptisms.... Adults, White,.....	4 }
Children,.....	4 }
Confirmations.... White,.....	6
Communicants.... Former Number, White,.....	15
Added,.....	3
Removed,.....	1
Present Number, White,.....	17

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Bishop's Salary,.....	\$10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....	5 00
Other purposes, as follows :	
A Parish Church,.....	780 00
Miscellaneous, including Missions,.....	64 37
Total Contributions,.....	\$859 37

This Parish is very feeble, and has been much depressed because of mere monthly or very irregular Services. But God must be with them, for their perseverance under many difficulties, and their heart-yearnings for a suitable and consecrated temple of their Lord, has within a few weeks caused them to give to their utmost ability to secure an appropriate edifice. They can possibly raise from \$1,000 to \$1,500 at home. They ask the prayers and contributions of Churchmen in this Diocese, to enable them to accomplish their object without debt. Any donations will be received by the Rector, at Okolona, Miss.

ROBERT F. CLUTE, Rector.

### Ascension Church, Hernando.

The Rector of Ascension Church, Hernando, DeSoto County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,.....	11
Baptisms.... Adults, White,.....	1 }
Children, White,.....	6 }
Colored,.....	7 }
Communicants.... Former Number, White,.....	20
Added,.....	2
Died,.....	1 }
Removed,.....	6 }
Present Number, White,.....	15
Marriages.... White,.....	1
Funerals,.....	2
Sunday School Teachers,.... (School suspended for present,)..	4 }
" " Scholars, about.....	30 }

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Communion Alms,.....	\$7 00
Bishop's Salary,.....	10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....	5 00

Total Contributions,..... \$22 00

ANDREW MATTHEWS, Rector.

## St. John's Church, Aberdeen.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Aberdeen, Monroe County, reports as follows.

The undersigned would beg leave to report to the Bishop and Convention, that he has just taken charge of this Church. The Register has been so badly kept, that he is unable to make out from it, a report that will in any respect prove satisfactory. He has himself not yet had time to make a complete list of families, communicants, &c. There are about eighteen families that may be said to be connected with the Church, and, as far as ascertained, about twenty communicants. All other information with respect to the Church, will have to be deferred to a future report. The little band of Churchmen that have been so long struggling here for mere existence, seem to be much cheered and encouraged as to the future. The Lord's-day Services are well attended. The Sunday School, which had become entirely extinct, has been revived, and now numbers twenty odd children and five teachers—with a prospect of considerable increase; the congregations are steadily increasing in numbers and attention; arrangements have been made for the immediate liquidation of the debt which has so long oppressed and weighed down the Church; and everything seems to indicate a brighter day for the Church here, than she has ever yet seen. To God's holy name be all the praise. May His blessing rest upon the labors of His servants, and may they produce abundant fruit to His glory.

Aberdeen, April 11th, 1859.

J. NEWTON WATTSON, Rector.

## Grace Church, Canton.

The Rector of Grace Church, Canton, Madison County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,.....	29
Baptisms..... Adults, White,.....	8 }
Children, White,.....	6 }
Confirmations..... White,.....	8
Communicants..... Former Number, White,.....	37
Added,.....	10
Removed,.....	2
Present Number, White,.....	45
Marriages..... White,.....	7 }
Colored,.....	1 }
Funerals,.....	2
Sunday School Teachers,.....	8 }
" " Scholars,.....	38 }

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions..... First Collection,.....	\$13 30	\$35 55
Second Collection,.....	22 25	
Communion Alms and semi-monthly Contributions,.....	94 58	
Bishop's Salary,.....	65 00	
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....	10 00	
Other purposes, as follows:		
Repairing Bishop's Residence,.....	25 00	

Total Contributions,..... \$230 13

HENRY SANSOM, Rector.

### St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood.

The Rector of St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood, Madison County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of.....		5
Baptisms.....Adults, White,.....	1 }	2
Children, White,.....	1 }	
Communicants.....Former Number, White,.....	11 }	13
Colored,.....	2 }	
Added,.....		3
Removed,.....		3
Present Number, White,.....	11 }	13
Colored,.....	2 }	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions.....From Individual Contributors,.....	\$25 00
Domestic Missions,.....	14 46
Communion Alms,.....	9 50
Bishop's Salary,.....	75 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....	10 00
Other purposes, as follows :	
St. Stephen's Mission to the Poor, Boston—Ind'al Donations,	32 50
Rector's Convention expenses,.....	12 00
Total Contributions,.....	\$178 46

E. H. DOWNING, Rector.

### Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo County.

The Rector of Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Communicants.....Former Number, Colored,.....	22	
Present Number, Colored,.....	22	
Marriages.....Colored,.....	2	
Sunday School Teachers,.....	1 }	31
“ “ Scholars,.....	30 }	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Bishop's Salary,.....	\$10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....	2 50
Total Contributions,.....	\$12 50

The Rector resigned this Parish in January, 1859.

J. FOSTER, Ex-Rector.

### St. Luke's Church, Brandon.

The Rector of St. Luke's Church, Brandon, Rankin County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,.....	5
Baptisms.....Adults, White,.....	1
Communicants.....Former Number, White,.....	7
Added,.....	1
Died,.....	1 }
Removed,.....	1 }
Present Number, White,.....	2
Funerals,.....	6
	2

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions.....First Collection,.....	\$2 70 }	\$5 00
Second Collection,.....	2 30 }	

For Domestic Missions,.....	2 65
Communion Alms,.....	5 55
Bishop's Salary,.....	15 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....	5 00

Total Contributions,.....\$33 40

F. ELWELL, Rector.

### Trinity Church, Pas Christian.

The Rector of Trinity Church, Pas Christian, Harrison County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,.....	28
Baptisms.....Adults, White,.....	3 }
Children, White,.....	10 }
Colored,.....	3 }
Confirmations.....White,.....	19
Communicants.....Former Number, White,.....	31
Added,.....	22
Died,.....	1 }
Removed,.....	5 }
Present Number, White,.....	47
Marriages.....White,.....	2 }
Colored,.....	1 }
Sunday School Teachers,.....	5 }
" " Scholars,.....	35 }

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions.....First Collection,.....	\$42 50
Second....."	11 95
Third....."	23 45
Domestic Missions,.....	70 10
Communion Alms,.....	80 05
Bishop's Salary,.....	120 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....	15 00
Other purposes, as follows :	
Church Improvement,.....	350 00
Sundry Collections,.....	209 79
Collection for St. John's Church, Aberdeen,.....	105 00

Total Contributions,.....\$1,027 84

G. W. SILL, Rector.

### St. Peter's Church, Oxford.

The Minister officiating at Oxford, LaFayette County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,.....	19
Baptisms.....Adults,.....	6 }
Children, White,.....	9 }
Colored,.....	5 }
Confirmations.....White,.....	10
Communicants.....Former Number, White,.....	14
Added,.....	11
Removed,.....	5
Present Number, White,.....	20
Funerals,.....	3

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Bishop's Salary,.....\$50 00

F. A. P. BARNARD, Minister Officiating.

### Calvary Church, Holmes County.

The Rector of Calvary Church, Holmes County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,.....	10
Communicants.... Former Number, White,.....	19
Removed,.....	1
Present Number,.....	18
Marriages.... White,.....	1
Funerals,.....	2

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions.... First Collection,.....	\$10 00	{	\$20 00
From Individ'l Contribut'rs,.....	10 00		
Domestic Missions,.....			15 35
Bishop's Salary,.....			20 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....			5 00
Other purposes, as follows :			
Parochial,.....			16 43
Total Contributions,.....			\$76 78

B. HALSTED, Rector.

In consequence of repeated attacks of sickness during the last Summer and Fall, and the inconvenient distance of Wheeling from my residence, I was obliged to give up my appointments at that place, and have this year substituted Black Hawk, where, at the solicitation of several persons interested in our services, and with the approbation of the Bishop, I officiate once a month. The congregations there have thus far been encouraging, and several persons are now awaiting the Bishop's visitation to present themselves for confirmation. B. HALSTED, Rector Calv'y Church, and Missionary.

### St. John's Church, Early Grove.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Early Grove, Marshall County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.			
Families, Number of,.....			14
Baptisms..... Adults, White,.....	9	}	15
Children, White,.....	3		
Colored,.....	3		
Confirmations..... White,.....	15	}	17
Colored,.....	2		
Communicants... Former Number, White,.....	25	}	35
Colored,.....	10		
Added,.....			20
Died,.....			1
Present Number, White,.....	43	}	54
Colored,.....	12		
Marriages.... White,.....			3
Funerals,.....			3

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Communion Alms,.....	\$60 00
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The Parish having on it the burden of finishing the Parish School Building and some outstanding debts for the Rectory, have cleared them off.

The Vestry used the Communion Offertory to meet their engagements with the Diocese.

J. W. ROGERS, Rector.



### Grace Church, Okolona.

The Rector of Grace Church, Okolona, Chickasaw County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of.....			15
Baptisms.....	Adults, White,.....	6	91
	Colored,.....	11	
	Children, White,.....	3	
	Colored,.....	71	
Confirmations.....	White,.....	5	15
	Colored,.....	10	
Communicants.....	Former Number, White,.....	13	27
	Added,.....	27	
	Removed,.....	2	38
	Present Number, White,.....	16	
	Colored,.....	22	35
Sunday School Teachers,.....		5	
" " Scholars,.....		30	
CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.			
For Diocesan Missions.....	First Collection, Bishop's visitation,.....	\$20 00	\$27 00
	Second Collection,.....	7 00	
	Foreign Missions,.....		7 00
	Bishop's Salary,.....		20 00
	Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....		5 00
Other purposes, as follows:			
	Miscellaneous,.....		75 00
	Parsonage lot, by Ladies,.....		800 00
	Repairs to Church, &c.,.....		192 45
	Church Female College,.....		5,100 00
Total Contributions,.....			\$6,226 45

I became Rector about Jan. 1st, ult., having removed from the Parish at Columbus about Christmas. Within two months, property to the value of several thousand dollars has been donated for a Church Female College, and an eminent Divine of thirty years experience will, it is hoped, become its Rector October 1st, when the School will go into operation. The ladies have purchased two acres of land for a Parsonage, adjoining Church lot, where a more convenient Rectory will be erected as soon as practicable. I have purchased a Melodeon, and a skillful choir chant everything the Church directs. The Parishioners are united, zealous and faithful. The School proposed is intended as a Southern Institution, in which the pupil being apt, an education, intellectual, moral and social, equal to any at the North, will be guaranteed. The location is retired and beautiful. It is believed that there is not a healthier town in the Southern country. The Mobile and Ohio Railroad will be completed to the town, we are officially assured, by October next. We trust that the Diocese will take pride in contributing to the completion and extension of the present buildings, and show their confidence by securing for Southern girls therein, a Southern education, equal in every respect to any to be obtained elsewhere.

ROBERT F. CLUTE, Rector.

### Chapel of the Cross, Madison County.

The Rector of the Chapel of the Cross, Madison County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of.....			7
Baptisms.....	Adults, White,.....	1	2
	Children, White,.....	1	

Communicants... Former Number, White,.....	14 }	60
Colored,.....	46 }	
Added,.....		3
Removed,.....		5
Present Number, White,.....	11 }	58
Colored,.....	47 }	
Marriages....Colored,.....		1
Funerals,.....		1
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.</b>		
For Diocesan Missions.... First Collection,.....	\$20 00 }	
Second Collection,.....	10 00 }	\$65 00
From Indvid'l Contributors,.....	35 00 }	
Foreign Missions, (servants' offerings for Miss'ns in Africa,....		18 00
Bishop's Salary,.....		40 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....		5 00
Other purposes, as follows :		
Ladies' Association,.....		140 00
Bishop's Fund, interest on notes,.....		
Total Contributions,.....		\$268 00
HENRY SANSOM, Rector.		

### St. John's Chapel, Annadale.

Families, Number of,.....		1
Baptisms.... Children, Colored,.....		1
Communicants... Former Number, White,.....	4 }	16
Colored,.....	12 }	
Added,.....		1
Present Number, White,.....	5 }	17
Colored,.....	12 }	
Funerals.... (Colored Children,).....		7
Sunday School Teachers,.....	2 }	30
" " Scholars,.....	28 }	
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.</b>		
For Diocesan Missions,.....		\$25 00
Domestic Missions,.....		2 50
Foreign Missions,.....		2 50
Bishop's Salary,.....		20 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....		5 00
Total Contributions,.....		\$55 00
J. FOSTER, Rector.		

### Christ Church, Monticello.

The Senior Warden of Christ Church, Monticello, Lawrence County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,.....		7
Baptisms.... Children, White,.....		1
Communicants... Former Number, White,.....		10
Removed,.....		2
Present Number, White,.....		8

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Bishop's Salary,.....	\$10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,....	5 00— \$15 00

**ADDITIONAL FACTS.**.... The condition of this little Parish is not encouraging. The influence of the sects around is considerable, and is exercising a draw-back effect upon our progress. Some of the material we have had, who

professed at one time an attachment for the Church, have since and lately, united themselves with other denominations; of the remaining outside material in this town and vicinity, there is little or no present prospect of adding anything to the strength of the Church.

There have been no Ministrations of the Church here, since the 3d Sunday in October, 1858. Rev. Mr. Greene has not been able to reach this place from Brookhaven, owing to the bad state of the roads, since the commencement of the rains early in November last. He was then officiating at Osyka, and at this point alternately, once a month here for a time.

The friends of the Church here are devoted in all respects to its Rites, Offices and Doctrines; and we look forward with a lively hope to the day, when with some change in the population, the Church at this point may be in full growth, and its march be onward.

There are two persons known to the writer, now waiting an opportunity to receive the Rite of Confirmation, having been already baptized in the Church.

By the liberality of a generous donor, (Dr. William M. May,) who is not of the Church as yet, we have received the conveyance some time since, of an eligible lot for the building of a Church edifice, if in God's good providence we shall ever be enabled to do so. Respectfully submitted:

WM. VANNERSON, Senior Warden,  
in the absence of the Rector.

### Church of the Nativity, Bovina.

The Rector of Church of the Nativity, Bovina, Warren County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,.....		16
Baptisms.....		
Adults, White,.....	9	} 38
Colored,.....	12	
Children, White,.....	4	
Colored,.....	13	
Communicants...Present Number, White,.....		19
Funerals,.....		1

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions....From Individual Contributors,.....	\$5 00
Bishop's Salary,.....	25 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....	5 00
Other purposes, as follows:	
Church Edifice, and necessary Furniture,.....	5,000 00
Total Contributions,.....	\$5,035 00

The Rector of this infant Parish, desires to make an explanation as to the small amount collected in aid of Diocesan Missions. For this apparent neglect, as well as for having collected nothing for either Domestic or Foreign Missions, the Rector has only one apology; that is, during the past year, we have been laboring to erect a Church edifice as a suitable offering to Almighty God. For a Parish which has been organized but little more than twelve months, to accomplish this desirable object, without the Rector making "begging excursions," or applying for foreign help, has required the utmost exertions of every member; but by a most liberal, and self-denying spirit, *the work has been done*; and we have now a beautiful and appropriate edifice, *free from debt*, awaiting the return of the Bishop, to be consecrated to the worship and service of God.

This, the Rector hopes, will be sufficient explanation for all delinquencies relating to other objects of contribution; while he has the utmost confidence that henceforth the warm, and liberal-hearted members of this Parish, will give ample evidence of their interest in the spread of Christ's kingdom, and that they are behind in no good work.

HENRY SANSOM, Rector.  
JAS. A. FOX, Assist. Rector.

### St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City.

The Pastor of St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City, Harrison County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,.....	6
Communicants...Present Number, White,.....	4
CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.	
For Bishop's Salary,.....	\$10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....	5 00
Total Contributions,.....	\$15 00
Church to be built, (cost unknown.)	

This Church is composed, for the present, almost exclusively of visitors, in the Summer months, from New Orleans and elsewhere; and I took charge of it at the end of the season; but we earnestly hope that, as soon as a Church edifice shall have been erected, many may take in our welfare a greater interest, and we shall, by next year, be able to make a more favorable Report.

C. H. WILLIAMSON, Pastor.

### St. Luke's Church, Shieldsboro'.

The Minister of St. Luke's Church, Shieldsboro', Hancock County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,.....	14
Baptisms.....Adults, White,.....	3
Children, White,.....	5
Colored,.....	1
Confirmations....White,.....	2
Communicants...Former Number, White,.....	5
Added,.....	2
Present Number, White,.....	7

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

From Individual Contributors, for building a Church, \$765 00 }	\$1,065 00
Other sources,.....300 00 }	
Bishop's Salary,.....	10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....	5 00

Total Contributions,.....\$1,080 00

THO. S. SAVAGE, Minister.

### Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi.

The Pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi, Harrison County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.

Families, Number of,.....	29
Baptisms....Children, White,.....	6
Communicants...Present Number, White,.....	15
Marriages....White,.....	1
Funerals,.....	7
Sunday School Teachers,.....	4
" " Scholars,.....	50

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions....First Collection,.....	\$8 65
Other purposes, as follows :	
Enclosure of the Graves of Rev. J. J. Johnson and Rev. C. W. Whitall,.....	45 50
Current Expenses of the Church,.....	10 40

Total Contributions,.....\$64 55

Biloxi, April 23, 1859.

C. H. WILLIAMSON, Pastor.

**The Minister of Zion Church, Terry, Hinds County, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish.**

This Parish was organized on the 17th of April. I give them the third and fifth Sundays in each month. A Church edifice will be immediately contracted for—the requisite amount having been nearly subscribed.

**Church of the Saviour, Osyka.**

<b>Families, Number of</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Baptisms.....Adults, White,</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Colored,</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Children, Colored,</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>9</b>

This Parish was organized on the 17th of January last. I can give them only one Sunday in each month. The sum of \$800 has been raised for building a Church; and the prospect of further aid is sufficiently encouraging to authorize the speedy commencement of the work.

**Hurricane, Diamond Place, and Mrs. Freeland's, Warren Co'y.**

Families, Number of,.....		3
Baptisms.....Adults, Colored,.....	36	43
Children, Colored,.....	7	
Confirmations.....White,.....	1	45
Colored,.....	44	
Communicants...Former Number, White,.....	8	46
Colored,.....	38	
Added,.....		44
Died,.....	2	4
Removed,.....	2	
Present Number, White,.....	8	90
Colored,.....	82	

### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

**Report of Rev. F. W. Boyd.**

**MY DEAR BISHOP**—In compliance with my canonical duty, the following is respectfully submitted :

During the past Ecclesiastical year, a portion of my time has been occupied in travel. In no instance, however, on ship-board or on shore, has an

opportunity to officiate, in my Profession, been allowed to pass by unimproved.

The larger portion of the time, passed at home, has always afforded me an opportunity, to offer to my family and neighbors, the full and regular Public Services of the Church, with Sermon or Lecture, each Sunday.

As my residence is within the bounds of Trinity Parish, Natchez, I have no baptisms, burials, or marriages, to record.

I am ready, and desirous, for more active and regular professional employment. Very respectfully, &c.,

F. W. BOYD.

Natchez, April 14th, 1859.

### Report of the Chaplain of the State Penitentiary.

The undersigned, Chaplain of the Mississippi State Penitentiary, respectfully presents to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following Statement for the past year, respecting the people of his charge. The number of the prisoners has increased from about 80 to 150, within the last year or year and a half, and amid the changes that are constantly taking place, an accurate report can with difficulty be given.

Baptisms..... Adult,	1
Confirmed,.....	3
Communicants... Added,	3
Present Number,	11
Funerals,	5

The regular Services of the Church have, with one or two exceptions, been held in the prison every Sunday, as well as on other occasions of Public Worship. Many of the prisoners seem to feel an increasing interest in them, taking part in the responses, and giving respectful and devout attention to the word of God, as read and taught to them. All those who can read, are supplied with Bibles or New Testaments; and as many as desire it, with Prayer Books. Few decline accepting these, when offered, and all seem glad to be instructed in the right use thereof. As a part of the regular duties of his charge, the Chaplain devotes several hours every Sunday to private instruction of the prisoners in their cells, and he is greatly encouraged to persevere in his work, by the interest they seem to manifest in the truths he sets before them.

He only regrets that there is no adequate provision made for their instruction in secular knowledge. Many who came there unable to read or write, have, with the few facilities afforded them, learned to do both. If but two hours a week were given to instructing all who desired it, in the simple rudiments of an English education, this, combined with faithful Religious instruction, would fit these poor outcasts for usefulness, when their time of service expired.

THEO. D. OZANNE, Chaplain.

### Report of Rev. Wm. Parker Scott.

The Minister reports the following Statement from the Register of his official acts, in Yazoo County.

Baptisms..... Adults, White,	1	18
Colored,	1	
Children, White,	4	
Colored,	12	
Marriages..... White,	4	7
Colored,	3	
Funerals..... White,	5	10
Colored,	5	

I have officiated regularly during the past year, at different places in Yazoo County. The greater portion of my time is given to the instruction of our colored population.

WM. PARKER SCOTT.

### Report of Rev. R. D. Shindler.

To the Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D. D.—

Since about the middle of October last, at the request of the Rector, I have read prayers and preached, at St. John's Church, Early Grove, on the alternate Sundays. Also, on the days of his regular ministrations, I usually assisted him by reading prayers or preaching. During his absence, I baptized one colored child; buried three children, and solemnized two weddings.

R. D. SHINDLER.

### Report of Rev. W. C. Stout.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 25th, 1859.

To the Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D. D.—

W. C. Stout, Presbyter, begs leave to report: Since last Convention, I have discharged my duty as Clergyman to the best of my ability, being without charge. I have performed the following services:

Read Prayers,.....	73 times.
Preached,.....	38 "
Baptized, .....	5
Married, .....	2
Buried.....	2
Administered Holy Communion,.....	3 times.

And have assisted many times in Prayers and Communion.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. C. STOUT.

P. S....I am in temporary charge of Christ Church, Little Rock, Ark.

W. C. S.

## DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

### STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. W. Lord,.....	.....Mr. George S. Yerger,
Rev. Henry Sansom,.....	.....Mr. W. C. Smedes.
Rev. Wm. Croes Crane,.....	.....

### TRUSTEES OF EPISCOPAL FUND AND CHURCH PROPERTY.

Mr. George S. Yerger,.....	.....Mr. William C. Smedes.
Mr. James Roach,.....	.....

### DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. W. Croes Crane,.....	.....Mr. George S. Yerger,
Rev. W. W. Lord,.....	.....Mr. Wm. C. Smedes,
Rev. Benj. M. Miller,.....	.....Mr. Richard Evans,
Rev. Henry Sansom,.....	.....Mr. James S. Johnston.

### ALTERNATE DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. J. H. Ingraham,.....	.....Dr. T. T. Meade,
Rev. James A. Fox,.....	.....Mr. John Duncan,
Rev. E. H. Downing,.....	.....Mr. Giles M. Hillyer,
Rev. G. W. Sill,.....	.....Mr. Thos. R. Shields.

### TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. W. W. Lord,.....	.....Mr. George S. Yerger.
Rev. James A. Fox,.....	.....

### ECCLESIASTICAL COURT.

Rev. B. M. Miller,.....	.....Rev. H. Sansom,.
Rev. James A. Fox,.....	.....Rev. W. W. Lord.
Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne,.....	.....

### SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

Mr. Giles M. Hillyer,.....	Natchez.
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### TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

Mr. James Roach,.....	Vicksburg.
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### DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*President*....Rt. Rev. WILLIAM M. GREEN, D. D.

*First Vice President*....Rev. James A. Fox.

*Second Vice President*....Mr. James S. Johnston.

*Third Vice President*....Mr. M. W. Ewing.

#### *Managers.*

Messrs. Geo. S. Yerger,.....	.....Messrs. W. C. Smedes,
" Wm. McWillie,.....	....." E. C. Laughlin.
" Wm. Hardeman,.....	.....
<i>Secretary and Treasurer</i> ....	Mr. Jas. Roach, Vicksburg.



## SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS FOR 1857 -- 1858,

No. of Churches.	NAME OF CHURCHES.	LOCATION.		RECTOR OR MINISTER.
		CITY OR TOWN.	COUNTY.	
1	Trinity.....	Natchez.....	Adams.....	Gid'n B. Perry, D.D.
2	St. Paul's.....	Woodville.....	Wilkinson.....	
3	St. Mary's.....	Laurel Hill.....	Adams.....	
4	Christ.....	Church Hill.....	Jefferson.....	Benj. M. Miller.....
5	Christ.....	Vicksburg.....	Warren.....	Wm. W. Lord.....
6	St. Paul's.....	Grand Gulf.....	Claiborne.....	
7	St. Matthew's.....	Clinton.....	Hinds.....	Fred. Elwell.....
8	St. Mark's.....	Raymond.....	Hinds.....	B.R. Smyser, Dea'n
9	St. Paul's.....	Columbus.....	Lowndes.....	James D. Gibson...
10	Christ.....	Holly Springs.....	Marshall.....	J. H. Ingraham.....
11	St. Andrew's.....	Jackson.....	Hinds.....	Wm. Croes Crane...
12	Epiphany.....		Claiborne.....	John Gierlow.....
13	St. Andrew's.....		Marshall.....	Wm. Fagg.....
14	Trinity.....	Yazoo City.....	Yazoo.....	John Foster.....
15	St. John's.....	Pontotoc.....	Pontotoc.....	Robert F. Clate.....
16	Ascension.....	Hernando.....	DeSoto.....	Andrew Matthews.....
17	St. John's.....	Aberdeen.....	Monroe.....	J. Newton Watison...
18	Grace.....	Canton.....	Madison.....	Henry Sansom.....
19	St. Philip's.....	Kirkwood.....	Madison.....	E. H. Downing.....
20	St. John's.....		DeSoto.....	
21	Crucifixion.....		Yazoo.....	
22	St. Luke's.....	Brandon.....	Rankin.....	Frederick Elwell...
23	St. John's.....	Lake Washing'n.....	Washington.....	
24	St. James'.....	Port Gibson.....	Claiborne.....	
25	Trinity.....	Pas Christian.....	Harrison.....	Geo. W. Sill.....
26	St. Peter's.....	Oxford.....	LaFayette.....	F. A. P. Barnard...
27	Calvary.....		Holmes.....	Benj. Halsted.....
28	St. John's.....	Early Grove.....	Marshall.....	J. W. Rogers.....
29	Grace.....	Okolona.....	Chickasaw.....	Robert F. Clute.....
30	Advent.....	Washington.....	Adams.....	
31	Chapel of Cross.....		Madison.....	Henry Sansom.....
32	Messiah.....		Noxubee.....	
33	St. John's Chap'l.....	Annadale.....	Yazoo.....	John Foster.....
34	Christ.....	Monticello.....	Lawrence.....	
35	St. Thomas'.....	Pikeville.....	Chickasaw.....	
36	Nativity.....	Mt. Alban.....	Warren.....	Henry Sansom.....
37	St. Mark's.....	Mississippi City.....	Harrison.....	C. H. Williamson.....
38	St. Luke's.....	Shieldsboro'.....	Hancock.....	Thos. S. Savage.....
39	Ch. of Redeemer.....	Biloxi.....	Harrison.....	C. H. Williamson.....
40	Ch. of Saviour.....	Osyka.....	Pike.....	B.R. Smyser, Dea'n
41	Zion.....	Terry.....	Hinds.....	B.R. Smyser, "
	Hurricane.....			
	Diamond Place.....		Warren.....	F. W. Damas.....
	Mrs Freeland's.....			
	State Peniten'ry.....	Jackson.....	Hinds.....	Thos. D. Ozanne...
			Yazoo.....	W. Parker Scott...
				R. D. Shindler.....
				W. C. Stout.....

By the Bishop of the Diocese, in addition to above reported.....



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**CONSTITUTION AND CANONS  
OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE  
DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI,**

Will be found on page 84, *et seq.*, Journal of 1858, with the following alteration made by the Convention of 1859 :

**SECTION 1—CANON 1.** "Of the Admission of Churches," was amended to read as follows :

**CANON I.—OF THE ADMISSION OF CHURCHES.**

**SECTION 1.** Whenever any number of persons shall associate to form an Episcopal Congregation, they shall adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and none shall be considered as members of such congregation, when organized, who shall not, (on requisition by the Rector or Vestry,) formally accede to said Articles of Association.

The Congregation shall assume a suitable name, by which their Church or Parish shall be designated, and appoint not less than three, nor more than eleven Vestrymen, and two Wardens. A certified copy of the Articles of Association, and of the proceedings at their adoption, shall then be laid before the Convention; and if approved by that body, Delegates from that Congregation or Parish may take seats in the Convention; and the Congregation shall be considered as united to the Convention, and subject to its control.

**FORM FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW PARISHES.**

We, the subscribers, assembled for the purpose of organising a Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Town of ....., County of ....., and State of Mississippi, after due notice given, do hereby agree to form a Parish, to be known by the name of ..... Church, and as such, do hereby acknowledge and accede to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship, the Constitution and Canons, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the same Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and we do accordingly now appoint ....., [not less than three, nor more than eleven persons, naming them,] to be the first Vestry of ..... Church; and ....., [two persons, naming them,] to be the first Wardens, to continue in office until Easter Monday, A. D., ....., and until others be chosen in their place: And an election of Vestrymen shall hereafter be held on Easter Monday of each successive year, or as soon thereafter as may be.

Witness our hands at ....., County of ....., and State of Mississippi, this ..... day of ....., in the year of our Lord, .....

# PROCEEDINGS

## OF THE

### DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF MISSISSIPPI.

The Society met on Friday evening, April 29th, 1859, in Trinity Church, Natchez; the Rt. Rev. President in the chair, and adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half-past eight.

SATURDAY, April 30, 1859.

The Society met according to adjournment, the Second Vice President, Jas. S. Johnston, in the chair.

The reading of the Minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Report and Accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary were read, and the Accounts were referred to Rev. Mr. Halsted and Mr. Geo. S. Yerger for examination, who reported the same to be correct.

The First Vice President, Rev. Jas. A. Fox, then took the chair.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Miller, the 1st Article of the Constitution was by a unanimous vote changed; so that the Society should be hereafter known as the *Diocesan Missionary Society of Mississippi*.

The Society then proceeded to the election of Officers, and a ballot having been by unanimous consent dispensed with, the Officers were all reelected.

President.....	Rt. Rev. W. M. GREEN, D. D.
First Vice President.....	Rev. Jas. A. Fox.
Second Vice President.....	Mr. James S. Johnston.
Third Vice President.....	Mr. M. W. Ewing.
Managers.....	Messrs. Geo. S. Yerger, Wm. McWillie, Wm. Hardeman, W. C. Smedes, and E. C. Laughlin.
Secretary and Treasurer.....	Mr. James Roach, Vicksburg.

It was, on motion—

*Resolved*, That the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, now in session, be respectfully requested to cause the Proceedings of this meeting, its Reports, and the Constitution of the Society, to be printed in an Appendix to the Journal of said Convention, with a view of bringing the objects of the Society more fully to the knowledge of the Church in the Diocese.

And, on motion, adjourned *sine die*.

J. ROACH, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

### Report of Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

To the Rt. Rev. Bishop Green, D. D., President :

DEAR SIR: The undersigned, Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Mississippi, submits herewith his statement of the Receipts and Expenditures for the year.

## — THE RECEIPTS ARE —

From two Life Members,.....	\$40 00	
Fifty Annual or Occasional Contributors,.....	136 45	
Interest for two years on note funded,.....	44 80	
Twenty-three Parishes have paid,.....	992 30	\$1,213 55
Balance on hand, last report, April 21, 1858,.....		348 50

## — PAYMENTS. —

To eight Missionaries,.....	\$822 50	\$1,562 05
Three Students at Nashota,.....	400 00	
Books and Tracts, and Freight on same,.....	35 50	
Amount refunded, credited last year in error,.....	10 00	\$1,268 00

Balance now on hand,..... \$294 05

Of the \$1,213 55 received during the year, more than \$500 has been received during the last twenty days, in response to your circular.

Little, if any, action has resulted from the proposed reorganization of the Society, as adopted at last Convention. Respectfully,

J. ROACH, Secretary and Treasurer.

[A.]

### Receipts of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Mississippi,

For year ending April 27th, 1859.

From Thomas R. Shields, Esq., life member,.....	\$20 00
Miss Victoria Shields,.....	20 00
Fifty Annual and Occasional Contributors,.....	136 45
Interest on Note for \$280, funded, two years,.....	44 80
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, collection at communion,.....	106 50
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, collection,.....	32 85
St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood,..... 2 collections,	40 00
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton,..... 3 "	11 30
Calvary Church, Holmes County,..... 1 "	1 50
St. Luke's Church, Brandon,..... 2 "	10 00
Chapel of the Cross, Madison County,..... 2 "	30 00
Christ Church, Church Hill,..... 3 "	117 00
St. John's Church, Annadale,..... 1 "	5 00
St. John's Church, Early Grove,..... 1 "	13 70
Christ Church, Holly Springs,..... 1 "	15 85
Grace Church, Canton,..... 2 "	36 00
Trinity Church, Pas Christian,..... 2 "	59 45
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County,..... 2 "	21 55
St. John's Church, Pontotoc,..... 1 "	12 50
Grace Church, Okolona,..... 2 "	25 00
St. John's Church, Aberdeen,..... 1 "	19 70
St. Paul's Church, Columbus,..... 1 "	19 50
Church of the Messiah, Noxubee,..... 1 "	10 00
Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi,..... 1 "	8 65
Christ Church, Vicksburg,..... 2 "	117 70
Trinity Church, Yazoo City,..... 1 "	15 00
Trinity Church, Natchez,..... 1 "	263 55

Total receipts during the year,..... \$1,213 55

J. ROACH, Treasurer.

[B.]

### Payments of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Mississippi,

For year ending April 27th, 1859.

To Rev. Mr. Sansom,.....	Missionary,	\$175 00
Rev. Geo. Harris,.....	"	100 00
Rev. Mr. Whitall,.....	"	200 00
Rev. Mr. Gibson,.....	"	125 00
Rev. Mr. Elwell,.....	"	50 00
Rev. Mr. Gierlow,.....	"	50 00

Rev. Mr. Williamson,.....	Missionary,	72 50
Rev. Mr. Ingraham,.....	"	50 00
Three Students at Nashota, \$150..\$150..\$100.....		400 00
Books and Tracts purchased, and freight on same,.....		35 50
Refunded amt. paid by Rev. F. W. Damus, intended by him for General Domestic Missions,.....		10 00

Total payments during the year,..... \$1,268 00

J. ROACH, Treasurer.

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*JAMES ROACH, Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Mississippi.*  
1858. DR.

April 22.....	To Balance on hand,.....	\$348 50
23.....	St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood,.....	15 00
	Dr. W. Hemmingway,.....	1 00
	St. Matthew's Church, Clinton,.....	2 75
	Mrs. Martha M. Miller,.....	5 00
	Rev. W. C. Stout and family, \$1 each,.....	5 00
	A. Sneed, J. D. Shields, Rev. H. Sansom,.....	3 00
	Mrs. Sansom, Mr. Ward, Rev. J. Foster, G. E. Elwell, E. through Bishop Green,.....	4 00
	Thos. R. Shields, life membership,.....	10 00
	Mrs. Ann Ewing,.....	20 00
	St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, by Rev. T. D. Ozanne, Calvary Church, Holmes County,.....	5 00
May 4.....	Convention Collection, at Jackson,.....	32 85
15.....	St. Luke's Church, Brandon,.....	1 50
18.....	Chapel of the Cross, by Rev. Mr. Sansom,.....	106 50
June 21.....	Christ Church, Church Hill, Convocation,.....	5 00
	Miss Victoria Shields, life membership,.....	20 00
Oct'r 5.....	St. John's Church, Annadale,.....	20 00
15.....	St. John's Church, Early Grove, Bishop's visit,.....	5 00
	Christ Church, Holly Springs, Bishop's visit,.....	13 70
	Mrs. Ann H. Hampton,.....	15 85
	Mrs. Lucy Mickle,.....	10 00
Nov. 20.....	Christ Church, Church Hill,.....	10 00
Dec'r 1.....	Collection at Grace Church, Canton,.....	25 00
22.....	Trinity Church, Pas Christian,.....	13 50
Jan. 27, '59.....	St. Andrew's Ch., Marshall Co., Bishop's visit Oct. 24, St. John's Ch., Pontotoc,.....	47 50
	Grace Ch., Okolona,.....	6 55
	St. John's Ch., Aberdeen,.....	12 50
	St. Paul's Ch., Columbus,.....	31
	Ch. of the Messiah, Noxubee,.....	20 00
	Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi,.....	Nov. 7,
	Trinity Ch., Pas Christian,.....	19 70
	Master H. Mereda Wright,.....	12
	Miss Nena H. Wright,.....	19 50
	Rev. Dr. Savage and Mrs. Savage, \$2.50 each,.....	16
	Miss Bessie Savage, Alex. Duncan Savage, Thos. R. Savage, Jesse D. Savage, \$1 each,.....	10 00
9.....	St. Matthew's Church, Clinton,.....	8 65
	Grace Ch., Okolona, paid Bishop, April, 1858,.....	11 95
Feb. 11.....	Miss C. A. Heirne,.....	10 00
Mar. 21.....	Collection at Grace Church, Canton,.....	5 00
	Collection at Christ Church, Vicksburg,.....	22 50
30.....	Mrs. Martha Phillips \$5, Mrs. Julia Farmer \$5,.....	73 55
Aprl. 8.....	Christ Church, Church Hill,.....	10 00
	St. Luke's Church, Brandon,.....	30 00
12.....	Trinity Church, Yazoo City,.....	5 00
13.....	St. Andrew's Ch., Marshall Co., by Dabney Minor,...	15 00
15.....	Trinity Church, Natches,.....	15 00
		263 55

April 15.....	St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood.....	25 00
	St. Matthew's Church, Clinton.....	5 00
	Two years interest on note of \$280.....	44 80
	Bishop Green, Mrs. Green, and six children.....	8 45
25.....	Christ Church, Vicksburg, Easter collection.....	44 15
26.....	Chapel of the Cross, collection Sunday before Easter,	10 00
	Mrs. C. A. Hinton \$4.50, Gen. Hinton \$3.50.....	8 00
	Mrs. Anna Hinton \$3.50, Mrs. M. L. Johnston \$4.50,	8 00
	Mrs. W. J. Britton \$4.50, Miss H. S. Johnston \$4.50,	9 00
	Dr. and Mrs. Dewees, Mrs. S. W. Britton, Mrs. L. M.	
	Jiggetts, Mrs. J. Bullock, each \$2.....	10 00

\$1,562 05

	CR.	No. Voucher.	
1858.			
April 24.....	By amt. pd. Rev. H. Sansom, Missionary.....	1	\$100 00
30.....	Rev. G. Harris.....	2	100 00
June 23.....	Rev. C. Whitall.....	3	150 00
24.....	Rev. Jas. D. Gibson.....	4	50 00
Aug. 6.....	Rev. F. Elwell.....	5	25 00
	Freight on Journals.....	6	1 00
Sept. 2.....	G. E. Stewart, } Students at {	7	75 00
	M. L. Weller, } Nashota, {	7	75 00
Oct. 15.....	Rev. Mr. Gierlow, Missionary.....	8	50 00
Dec. 22.....	Rev. C. H. Williamson.....	9	47 50
Jan. 27, '59.....	Bishop for Tracts.....	10	7 50
	H. Hooker.....		12 50
	Express charges.....		9 50
Oct. 3, '58.....	Rev. C. A. Whitall, Missionary.....	11	50 00
8.....	Rev. J. H. Ingraham.....	12	50 00
Nov. 12.....	Rev. J. D. Gibson.....	13	75 00
Dec. 23.....	Rev. Mr. Elwell.....	14	25 00
	Refunded F. W. Damus' donation.....		10 00
Mar. 21, '59.....	Rev. H. Sansom, Missionary.....	15	75 00
28.....	W. H. Phillips, Student, Nashota.....	16	50 00
30.....	E. Barksdale, printing circulars.....	17	4 00
	Books for distribution.....		1 00
April 21.....	Rev. C. H. Williamson, Mission'y.....	18	25 00
	W. H. Phillips, } Students at {		75 00
	Geo. Stewart, } Nashota, {	19	75 00
	M. L. Weller, } Nashota, {		75 00
	Balance on hand.....		294 05

\$1,562 05

J. ROACH, Treasurer.

## NOTE.

The following amounts were paid in during the session of the Convention, towards the Treasury of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Mississippi:

April 28, '59..	St. Andrew's Parish, Jackson, Rev. Mr. Crane.....	\$90 00
"	St. Paul's, Columbus, Rev. Mr. Gibson.....	20 00
"	Calvary Church, Holmes Co., Rev. Mr. Halsted.....	20 00
"	Epiphany Church, Claiborne, Rev. Mr. Gierlow.....	17 25
"	St. Luke's Church, Brandon, Rev. Mr. Elwell.....	1 50
"	St. John's, Annadale, by M. W. Ewing.....	10 00
"	Mrs. M. W. Ewing.....	5 00
"	St. Paul's, Woodville, in July, 1858, through Bishop.....	10 00
"	Trinity, Fas Christian, Easter collection.....	18 45
"	St. Paul's, Columbus, Rev. Mr. Clute.....	5 50
"	Grace, Okolona, Easter collection.....	7 00
"	Church of Nativity, Mt. Alban.....	5 00
"	Christ Church, Holly Springs, Rev. J. H. Ingraham.....	25 50
April 29.....	Capt. A. Sneed.....	1 00

# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE

### DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF MISSISSIPPI.

**ARTICLE I.**.... This Society shall be called the *Diocesan Missionary Society of Mississippi*.

**ART. II.**.... All Clergymen, canonically resident in the Diocese, shall be, *ex-officio*, members of the Society, and such Laymen as shall pay the sums hereinafter mentioned.

**ART. III.**.... The Officers of the Society shall be the Bishop as President; a first, second and third Vice President; a Secretary or General Agent, and a Treasurer. When there is a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Society shall elect from the Presbyters, a President. The Vice Presidents, according to their numerical order, shall, in the absence, or by request of the President, perform the duties of President.

**ART. IV.**.... A Committee of five, to be annually elected, shall constitute a Board of Managers. The Secretary of the Society shall be *ex-officio*, Secretary of the Board of Managers. A majority of the Managers shall constitute a quorum to do business. They shall have power to make such by-laws as they deem necessary.

**ART. V.**.... The Board of Managers shall establish a Diocesan Depository, and such branches as may be deemed necessary. They shall distribute the Bible, the Prayer Book, and such Religious Tracts and other works, only, as may be approved by the Bishop, or the Board of Managers. Any person desirous to sell or distribute such books in the Diocese by authority of the Church, may be licensed to do so by the Bishop, and shall be allowed a reasonable compensation therefor out of the Society funds.

**ART. VI.**.... Missionaries employed by the Bishop, shall be allowed such salaries as he may direct; to be paid out of the funds of the Society. The President shall report to the Convention, the number of Missionaries aided by it; their different stations or employments; the sums paid to each; what person has been employed to sell books, and the number of tracts and books distributed. The person employed to sell books shall report to the Convention, the amount of books sold and distributed by him during the year. Said Managers shall, from the funds of the Society, aid in the education of such youths of piety as are recommended by the Bishop, and in general shall have power to adopt and execute such measures as they may deem proper to further the objects of this Society. When the Episcopate is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have the powers confided by this Article to the Bishop.

**ART. VII.**.... It shall be the duty of the Society to aid and assist owners of plantations, who are desirous to give religious instruction to their slaves, and to give information of such persons to the Bishop, in order that he may provide suitable Missionaries to organize Parishes on said plantations.

**ART. VIII.**.... The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Society; keep a list of the Missionaries paid or assisted by the Society, and the amount allowed to each. The funds in his hands shall only be paid out by the order of the Managers or of the President. He shall report, at each anniversary meeting, the state of the Society's funds—its property; and present his accounts for examination and settlement.



ART. IX....The Secretary shall keep a Record of the Proceedings of the Board of Managers in a well-bound book. He shall, by virtue of his office, conduct the correspondence, and perform such other acts as the Board of Managers shall direct. He shall copy this Constitution on the Minutes of the first meeting of the Board of Managers.

ART. X....The Society shall meet annually, at the place where the Diocesan Convention is held, on the second day of the Convention. (Such of the Clerical and Lay Members of the Society as may be present, shall constitute a quorum to do business; and in the absence of the President and Vice Presidents, a President *pro tem.* shall be elected.) A suitable Sermon shall be preached during the Convention, upon such day as shall be selected by the Bishop, either by the Bishop, or by some Clergyman appointed by him. After sermon, a collection shall be taken up for the use of the Society.

ART. XI....An election of Officers of this Society shall be made at such anniversary meeting; and in case of a failure to elect, then the old Officers shall continue in office until an election be held.

ART. XII....Every member, except Clergymen, shall pay at the time of subscription, and annually thereafter, on the first day of January, the sum of one dollar to the Rector of his Parish, or to such other person as shall be authorized to receive the same.

By the payment of twenty dollars, any one may become a life member of the Society, and shall not be subject to the annual assessment thereafter.

ART. XIII....It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all donations which may be made to the Society, and cause a faithful record of the same to be kept, stating the name of the donor and the amount of the benefaction.

ART. XIV....A notice of the Society, its object, terms of membership, and request for such donations as the pious and liberal are disposed to make, shall be inserted as a standing advertisement in such papers published in the Diocese, as are disposed to insert the same without charge.

ART. XV....The President may convene the Board of Managers at any time he thinks proper.

ART. XVI....The Society being intended to assist, but not in any degree to interfere with the authority of the Church, it is hereby declared, that whatever is done by the Society, shall be done in subordination to the authority of the Church, and in accordance with the advice of the Bishop.

ART. XVII....It shall be duty of each Minister of this Diocese to publicly bring the objects of this Society annually before his Parish, and request the friends of religion to cooperate with him in procuring members and donations. He shall also report quarterly to the Secretary the names of the members, and the amounts received by him, and forward the same to the Treasurer annually.

ART. XVIII....Each regularly organized Parish shall be considered as an Auxiliary or Branch Society.

The Rector of such Parish shall be President of the said Auxiliary Society. He shall appoint four persons, two of whom shall be Ladies, to solicit donations, and to procure members for the Society. Payment for membership shall not be confined to one dollar, but may be one dollar or more per annum.

It shall be the duty of the President of the Auxiliary Society to receive and remit all funds contributed in his Parish to the Treasurer.

ART. XIX....The Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting of the Society, by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present, and shall be published, together with the annual proceedings of the Society, with the Journals of the Convention.

## PARISHES IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION.

Trinity Church,	Natchez,	Adams	County.
St. Paul's Church,	Woodville,	Wilkinson	"
St. Mary's Church,	Laurel Hill,	Adams	"
Christ Church,	Church Hill,	Jefferson	"
Christ Church,	Vicksburg,	Warren	"
St. Paul's Church,	Grand Gulf,	Claiborne	"
St. Matthew's Church,	Clinton,	Hinds	"
St. Mark's Church,	Raymond,	Hinds	"
St. Paul's Church,	Columbus,	Lowndes	"
Christ Church,	Holly Springs,	Marshall	"
St. Andrew's Church,	Jackson,	Hinds	"
Epiphany Church,		Claiborne	"
St. Andrew's Church,		Marshall	"
Trinity Church,	Yazoo City,	Yazoo	"
St. John's Church,	Pontotoc,	Pontotoc	"
Ascension Church,	Hernando,	DeSoto	"
St. John's Church,	Aberdeen,	Monroe	"
Grace Church,	Canton,	Madison	"
St. Philip's Church,	Kirkwood,	Madison	"
St. John's Church,		DeSoto	"
Church of the Crucifixion,		Yazoo	"
St. Luke's Church,	Brandon,	Rankin	"
St. John's Church,	Lake Washington,	Washington	"
St. James' Church,	Port Gibson,	Claiborne	"
Trinity Church,	Pas Christian,	Harrison	"
St. Peter's Church,	Oxford,	LaFayette	"
Calvary Church,		Holmes	"
St. John's Church,	Early Grove,	Marshall	"
Grace Church,	Okolona,	Chickasaw	"
Church of the Advent,	Washington,	Adams	"
Chapel of the Cross,		Madison	"
Church of the Messiah,		Noxubee	"
St. John's Chapel,	Annadale,	Yazoo	"
Christ Church,	Monticelle,	Lawrence	"
St. Thomas' Church,	Pikeville,	Chickasaw	"
Church of the Nativity,*	Mt. Albon,	Warren	"
St. Mark's Church,	Mississippi City,	Harrison	"
St. Luke's Church,	Shieldsboro',	Hancock	"
Church of the Redeemer,	Biloxi,	Harrison	"
Church of the Saviour,	Ozyska,	Pike	"

\* The Secretary learns that the name and location of this Parish has been recently changed to "St. Albans, Bovina."

# Assessments on the Parishes by the Convention of 1859.

<i>Parishes.</i>	<i>Bishop's Fund.</i>	<i>Conting't Expenses.</i>
Trinity Church, Natchez,.....	\$500	\$40
Christ Church, Vicksburg,.....	400	30
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson,.....	300	30
Christ Church, Church Hill,.....	260	30
Trinity Church, Pas Christian,.....	120	15
Christ Church, Holly Springs,.....	100	15
St. Paul's Church, Woodville,.....	100	15
St. John's Church, Lake Washington,.....	100	15
Trinity Church, Yazoo City,.....	80	20
St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood,.....	75	10
St. Paul's Church, Columbus,.....	60	15
Grace Church, Canton,.....	65	10
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County,.....	50	10
St. Peter's Church, Oxford,.....	50	5
Chapel of the Cross, Madison County,.....	40	5
St. John's, Early Grove,.....	30	5
Church of the Nativity, Mount Albon,.....	25	5
Epiphany Church, Claiborne County,.....	20	5
St. John's Church, Aberdeen,.....	20	5
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton,.....	20	5
St. Mark's Church, Raymond,.....	20	5
Calvary Church, Holmes county,.....	20	5
St. John's Church, Annadale,.....	20	5
St. Luke's Church, Brandon,.....	15	5
St. John's Church, Pontotoc,.....	10	5
Messiah Church, Noxubee County,.....	10	5
Ascension Church, Hernando,.....	10	5
Grace Church, Okolona,.....	10	5
Christ Church, Monticello,.....	10	5
St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City,.....	10	5
St. Luke's Church, Shieldsboro',.....	10	5
Church of Redeemer, Biloxi,.....	10	5
Church of Saviour, Osyka,.....	10	5
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf,.....	5	5
Church of Crucifixion, Yazoo County,.....	5	2 50
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Christ Church, Vicksburg,.....	\$120.....	\$.....
Christ Church, Holly Springs,.....	150.....	55
St. John's Church, Lake Washington,.....	100.....	15
St. Peter's Church, Oxford,.....	80.....	10
St. John's Church, Aberdeen,.....	20.....	5
St. Mark's Church, Raymond,.....	20.....	..
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf,.....	20.....	5
Church of the Messiah, Noxubee,.....	5.....	5
Church of the Ascension, Hernando,.....	10.....	..
St. John's Church, Early Grove,.....	10.....	5
Christ Church, Monticello,.....	10.....	..
St. Thomas' Church, Pikeville,.....	10.....	5
Church of the Advent, Washington,.....	.....	15
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Christ Church, Monticello,.....	10	5
St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City,.....	10	5
St. Luke's Church, Shieldsboro',.....	10	5
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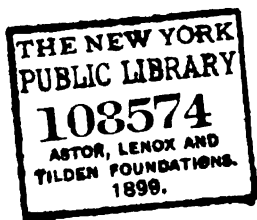
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Rev. WILLIAM F. ADAMS, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodville.  
Rev. Frederick A. P. BARNARD, LL.D. President of State University,  
and ministering in St. Paul's Church, Oxford.  
Rev. BENJAMIN R. S. BEMOND.  
Rev. FREDERICK W. BOYD, ministering in Bloomington, Illinois.  
Rev. ROBERT F. CLUTE, Rector of Grace Church, Okolona, and of St.  
John's Church, Pontotoc : P. Office, Okolona.  
Rev. WILLIAM CROES CRANE, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Jack-  
son.  
Rev. FREDERICK W. DAMUS, officiating at Church of St. Barnabas,  
Warrenton, and at Diamond Place: P. Office, Vicksburg.  
Rev. ELIJAH H. DOWNING, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood.  
Rev. FREDERICK ELWELL, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Brandon, and  
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton : P. Office, Brandon.  
Rev. EDWARD FONTAINE, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Raymond, and  
Church of the Redemption, Hinds County: P. Office, Jackson.  
Rev. JOHN FOSTER, Rector of Trinity Church, Yazoo City.  
Rev. JAMES A. FOX, P. Office, Bovina, Warren County.  
Rev. JAMES D. GIBSON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbus.  
Rev. JOHN GIERLOW, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne  
County, also ministering at Port Gibson and Grand Gulf: Post  
Office, Port Gibson.  
Rev. JAMES S. GREENE : P. Office, Fayette, Jefferson County.  
Rev. BENJAMIN HALSTED, Rector of Calvary Church, Holmes County:  
P. Office, Lexington.  
Rev. GILBERT G. HAYDEN.  
Rev. JOSEPH H. INGRAHAM, LL. D., Rector of Christ Church, and of  
St. Thomas' Hall, Holly Springs.  
Rev. WILLIAM B. LACEY, D. D., President of Rose-Gates Female  
College, Okolona.  
Rev. WILLIAM W. LORD, D. D., Rector of Christ's Church, Vicks-  
burg.  
Rev. ANDREW MATTHEWS.  
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Rev. GIDEON B. PERRY, D. D. LL. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Nat-  
chez.  
Rev. WILLARD PRESBURY.  
Rev. HENRY SANSON, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Canton, and of  
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Rev. THOMAS S. SAVAGE, M. D., Rector of Trinity Female School,  
Pass Christian.

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- Rev. WILLIAM PARKER SCOTT: Post Office, Yazoo City.  
Rev. J. AVERY SHEPHERD, Associate Rector of Trinity Church School,  
Pass Christian.  
Rev. GEORGE W. SILL, Rector of Trinity Church, Pass Christian.  
Rev. JOSEPH SPENCER, D. D., Instructor of Select Boys' School, Jackson,  
and Ministering at Terry and Osyka.  
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the Messiah, and intervening places: P. Office, Enterprize.  
Rev. J. NEWTON WATSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Aberdeen.  
Rev. M. LEANDER WELLER, Ministering at Hernado and Panola, and  
intervening places: P. Office, Hernando.  
Rev. CHARLES H. WILLIAMSON, M. D., Rector of Ch. of the Redeemer,  
Biloxi, and St. Mark's Ch. Mississippi City: P. Office, Biloxi.
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## CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

HENRY CANOVA HARRIS, WM. H. PHILLIPS, JOHN CHARLES ADAMS,  
M. D., JOSEPH B. LYONS.

# Roll of Lay Delegates,

WHOSE CREDENTIALS WERE LAID BEFORE THE CON-  
VENTION OF 1860.

*Those marked thus (\*) attended its Sitzings.*

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	ALTERNATES.
Trinity, Natchez,.....	G. M. Hillyer,.....	Oscar Kibbe.
	Joseph D. Shields....	J. T. McMurran.
	*R. W. Phillips....	B. Butler.
Christ, Vicksburg, .....	*W. C. Smedes.....	
	*B. S. Tappan.....	
	*James Roach.....	
St. Johns' Annadale.....	*Martin W. Ewing..	
	*Robert W. Ewing..	
	*B. Bynum Ewing..	
St. Matthews, Clinton....	*L. C. Harris.....	W. H. Hinton.
	R. B. Banks.....	J. S. Green.
St. Albans, Warren Co....	*E. H. Bryan.....	Wm. F. Streshly.
	*James B. Downs...	Samuel Townsend.
	*T. V. Noland.....	Thurs. J. Thompson.
Grace, Okolona,.....	C. S. Howe.....	Jos. Bretney.
	John E. Tucker....	W. Gast'n Henderson
	Charles Gates.....	Byrd Williams.
Grace, Canton,.....	*Albert Sneed.....	
	*Wesley Drane.....	
	T. C. Tappan.....	
St. James, Port Gibson,...	*T. B. Magruder....	Dr. Maney.
	*Geo. G. Butler....	F. Buckingham.
	*G. N. Seidlitz....	F. Englesing.
St. Johns, Early Grove,...	R. A. Baird.....	
	*R. J. Baird.....	
	J. B. Connelly.....	
St. Mark's, Raymond....	*Edwin A. Thomas..	
	A. L. Dabney.....	
	O. V. Shearer.....	
Epiphany, Claiborne Co....	*E. H. McCaleb....	
	T. J. Aby.....	
	C. R. Byrnes.....	
St. Luke's, Brandon,.....	Patrick Henry.....	J. J. Thornton.
	D. N. Wilkinson....	E. H. Lombard.
St. Peter's, Oxford,.....	*E. B. Pegues.....	
Ascension, Hernando,.....	W. H. Johnston....	
	J. T. M. Smith.....	

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St. John's, Pontetoc,.....	E. W. Rootes.....	George Winston.
	E. C. Bolton,.....	Rich'd Pinson.
	B. C. Earle,.....	Chs. D. Fontaine.
Calvary, Holmes Co.,.....	Stephen A. Eggleston	
	Wm. H. Cunliff.....	
St. Andrew's, Jackson,.....	*Wm. Yerger.....	Thos. S. Andersen.
	*Jacob A. Kausler...	Wm. Hardeman.
	*John Duncan.....	Alex. Virden.
St. Philip's, Kirkwood,....	Wm. McWillie.....	
	E. H. Anderson.....	
	Wm. Hemmingway.	
Christ, Holly Springs,.....	*William Clark ....	
St. Paul's, Columbus,.....	Richard Evans.....	
	Charles Sturdevant..	
	Gray A. Chandler...	
St. Paul's, Woodville,....	Jos. Johnson.....	
	J. P. Dillingham....	
Christ, Church Hill,.....	*Edgar G. Wood....	
	Bisland Shields.....	
	*Jas. S. Johnston...	
Ch. of Redem'n, Hinds Co.,	Jno. M. Greaves....	
	Sam'l C. Smith. ...	
	Wm. S. Bright.....	
St. Andrews, Marshall Co..	A. M. Clayton ....	
	J. P. Hardaway ....	
	B. Mickle.....	
Trinity, Pass Christian,....	Wm. B. Lightfoot....	
	Wm. H. Calvert.....	
	F. B. Heirn.....	
St. Barnabas, Warrenton....	A. Hannum.....	
	*D. G. Walker.....	
	E. C. Laughlin.....	

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# The Journal.

CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG, }  
THURSDAY, APRIL 26th, 1860. }

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Thirty-fourth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, the Rt. Rev. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, called the Convention to order at 10 o'clock, A. M., and opened it with prayer.

The Roll of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention as furnished by the Bishop, was then called, and the following Clergymen answered to their names.

The Rt. Rev. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D. D.	
Rev. Wm. F. Adams,	Rev. Fred. W. Boyd,
Rev. Rob't F. Clute,	Rev. Wm. Croes Crane,
Rev. Fred. W. Damus,	Rev. Elijah H. Downing,
Rev. Frederick Elwell,	Rev. Edward Fontaine,
Rev. John Foster,	Rev. James A. Fox,
Rev. John Gierlow,	Rev. Jas. S. Greene,
Rev. Benjamin Halsted,	Rev. Jos. H. Ingraham, LL. D.
Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D.	Rev. Benj. M. Miller,
Rev. Gideon B. Perry, D. D.,	Rev. Willard Presbury,
LL. D.,	Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D.
Rev. George W. Sill,	Rev. M. Leander Wetler.

Credentials of Lay Delegates from Trinity Church, Natchez; Christ Church, Vicksburg; St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; Christ Church, Holly Springs; St. John's Church, Annadale; St. Matthew's Church, Clinton; St. Alban's Church, Warren County; Grace Church, Okolona; Grace Church, Canton; St. James' Church, Port Gibson; St. John's Church, Early Grove; St. Mark's Church, Raymond; Epiphany Church, Claiborne County; St. Luke's Church, Brandon; St. Peter's Church, Oxford; Ascension Church, Hernando; St. John's Church, Pontotoc; Calvary Church, Holmes County;—were presented and referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. G. B. Perry, D. D. LL. D., the Rev. John Foster, and John Duncan, who, after examination, reported the same as correct. Whereupon, the



Report having been received, the list of names was called, and the following Lay Delegates appeared and took their seats in the Convention :

Trinity Church, Natchez,.....R. W. Phillips.  
 Christ " Vicksburg,.....B. S. Tappan and James Roach.  
 St. John's " Annadale,.....Martin W. Ewing, Robert W. Ewing, B. Bynum Ewing.  
 St. Matthew's Church, Clinton,...L. C. Harris.  
 Grace Church, Canton,.....Albert Sneed and Wesley Drane.  
 St. John's Church, Early Grove...R. J. Baird.  
 St. Mark's Church, Raymond,...Edwin A. Thomas.  
 St. Peter's, Oxford,.....E. B. Pegues.  
 St. Andrew's, Jackson, .....Jacob Kausler and John Duncan.  
 Christ Church, Holly Springs,...William Clark.

A constitutional quorum of the Clergy and Lay Delegates being ascertained to be present, the Bishop declared the Convention duly constituted, and ready to proceed to business.

The ballot being dispensed with, the Rev. W. C. Crane was, on nomination, unanimously elected to the office of permanent Secretary of the Convention.

On motion it was

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to appoint an Assistant. Whereupon John Duncan, Esq., was appointed to that office.

On motion, the rules of order of the last Convention were adopted for the present one.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Clergymen of this Diocese not entitled to seats; also Clergymen of other Dioceses and Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to honorary seats in the Convention.

The Rev. George G. Gubbins, of the United Church of England and Ireland, and Henry G. Perry, Esq., were also invited to honorary seats in the Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed by the Chair to give some proper expression to the emotions with which this Body has received the announcement of the death of George S. Yerger.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until after divine service.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Fontaine and Crane, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. Frederick Elwell, from St. John's Gospel, 21st chapter and 16th verse.

After Divine Service, the Convention was again called to order.

The Rev. Mr. Gubbins, at the request of the Convention, made a statement in behalf of "The Irish Society for promoting the Scriptu-

ral Education and religious instruction of Irish Roman Catholics, chiefly through the medium of their own language."

Whereupon, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to the Rev. Mr. Gubbins, for his very interesting and instructive remarks upon the relations of Protestantism to Romanism in Ireland.

The Bishop announced the appointment of the following

# STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Credentials.*—Rev. Dr. Perry, Rev. Mr. Foster, Col. Duncan.

*New Congregations.*—Rev. Mr. Fox, R. Ewing, Mr. Phillips.

*State of the Church.*—Rev. Mr. Crane, Rev. Mr. Fox, Rev. Dr. Perry, Rev. Dr. Sansom, Rev. Mr. Downing, and Rev. E. Fontaine.

*Finance.*—Messrs. M. W. Ewing, Smedes, Johnston, Pegues, Shields, Duncan, Kausler.

*Constitution and Canons.*—Messrs. Wm. Yerger, Drane, Duncan, Bryan, and Rev. Dr. Lord and Rev. Mr. Clute.

*Diocesan Schools.*—Rev. Dr. Lord, Rev. Mr. Foster, Rev. Dr. Perry, Messrs. Yerger and Smedes.

*Unfinished Business.*—Rev. Mr. Halsted and Mr. Baird.

A certified copy of the articles of association of the Church of Redemption, Hinds County, was presented, and referred to the Committee on the admission of new congregations.

The Convention on motion, adjourned, to meet again at 9 o'clock on Friday morning.

Divine Service was celebrated on Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock.

Rev. Rob't F. Clute, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Perry, read the Evening Service, and an Address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Gubbins, on the claims of the Irish Society, &c.; after which a collection was made in aid of the object represented by Mr. Gubbins, amounting to forty dollars.

## CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG,

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1860. }

THE Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, at 9 A. M., and opened with prayer.

The Roll of Delegates was called, and the Minutes of the proceedings of yesterday, read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials, reported the names of Lay Delegates from the following Churches, in addition to those reported yesterday:

Christ Church,.....Church Hill, Jefferson County.  
 Church of the Redemption,..Hinds County.  
 St. Andrew's Church,.....Marshall County.  
 Trinity Church,.....Pass Christian.  
 St. Barnabas Church,.....Warrenton.

Mr. James S. Johnston, a delegate from Christ Church, Church Hill, and E. McCaleb, a delegate from Epiphany Church, Claiborne County, took their seats in the Convention.

The Committee on admission of New Congregations, reported in favor of the admission of St. Barnabas Church, Warrenton, and the Church of the Redemption, Hinds County, and the same were, upon motion, admitted into Union with Convention.

The following Committee was appointed to prepare a suitable expression of the feelings of the Convention in reference to the death of Geo. S. Yerger.

Rev. Mr. CRANE, | Rev. Dr. LORD,  
 Mr. JAMES S. JOHNSTON.

The Right Rev., the Bishop of the Diocese, then read his Journal and Annual Address.

After which, upon motion, that part of the Address which refers to the University of the South was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of—

Rev. Dr. SANSOM, | Rev. Mr. MILLER,  
 and Mr. WILLIAM C. SMEDES.

And upon further motion, that part of the Address in regard to the "Church Intelligencer," was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. T. V. Noland, a Delegate from St. Alban's Church; Mr. Edgar G. Wood, a Delegate from Christ Church, Church Hill, Messrs. T. B. Magruder, Geo. C. Butler, G. N. Seidlitz, delegates from St. James, Port Gibson, and Mr. L. C. Harris, a Delegate from St. Matthew's took their seats in the Convention.

The Secretary then proceeded to read Reports from the following named Parishes:

Trinity,.....Pass Christian.  
 Church of the Redemption,..Hinds County.  
 Trinity,.....Natchez.  
 St. Matthew's,.....Clinton.  
 Church of the Savior,.....Osyka.  
 St. John's,.....Early Grove.  
 St. Thomas Hall,.....Holly Springs.  
 Christ Church,.....Holly Springs.  
 St. Andrew's,.....Jackson.

Christ,.....	Monticello.
St. Mark's,.....	Raymond.
St. Barnabas,.....	Warren County.
St. John's,.....	Pontotoc.
Grace,.....	Okolona.
St. Peter's,.....	Oxford.
St. Alban's,.....	Warren County.
Grace,.....	Canton.
Christ,.....	Summit, Pike County.
St. Paul's,.....	Woodville.
Ascension,.....	Hernando.
Christ,.....	Church Hill, Jefferson County.
Calvary,.....	Holmes County.
Trinity,....	Yazoo City.
Epiphany,.....	Claiborne County.
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Christ,.....	Vicksburg.
St. James,'.....	Port Gibson.
St. Luke's,.....	Brandon.
St. John's,.....	Annadale.
St. Paul's,.....	Columbus.
St. Luke's,.....	Shieldsboro.'
St. Phillip's,.....	Kirkwood.
Trinity Female Seminary,...	Pass Christian.
Rev. F. W. Boyd's .....	Report.
Rev. Wm. Presbury's .....	Report.
Rev. W. P. Scott's.....	Report.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese was then read, and upon motion, the same was with the accompanying accounts and vouchers, referred to the Committee on Finance :

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

The Treasurer reports that he has received since last Report :

From Individuals, donations,.....	\$ 32 00
" Interest on notes belonging to Episcopal Fund,.....	556 00
" Assessments on Parishes,.....	2640 00

Total receipts,.....\$3228 00

#### PAID

To Bishop Green for the full balance due him to 1st July, 1860, \$3000 less \$27 23 paid last year, .....	\$ 2972 77	
To Geo. S. Yerger, repairs on Episcopal residence, see Journal 1859 (16).....	26 00	
To Geo. S. Yerger, 6 years' Insurance on same, see Journal '59 p. 16,.....	150 00	
Total Payments,.....		3148 77
Balance to be paid to New Treasurer,.....		79 23
		<hr/> \$ 3228 00

The Tabular Statement marked A, exhibits the assessments, collections and arrears of the Parish at one view—the amount of arrears to the closing of this report is \$495—a large part of which will doubtless be paid during the Convention.

The Endowment Fund was diminished during the year by the discovery and correction of an error of \$75, paid by one of the contributors, several years since, on acct. of St. Andrew's College, and never credited. The \$150 reported last Convention, as contributed by Col. Young, towards Endowment, the Treasurer could not satisfactorily loan at ten per cent.; he therefore pays the interest himself, and hands it and the principal over to his successor.

The Endowment Fund now stands at \$6425, all of which bears 10 per cent. except \$200, and that will bear that rate after 1st June next. The arrears of Interest due are \$72—all of which will be paid at the present Convention.

If the assessments be unchanged, the new additions will make them		
about .....	\$	2620 00
Arrears of Interest due, .....		72 00
Interest current year, from fund, .....		642 50
Cash in Treasurer's hands—balance, .....	\$	79 23
Interest on \$150, .....	15 00	94 23
Arrears that will probably be collected, .....		120 00

Total resources for next year, .....

\$ 3548 73

Besides the Bishop's salary, \$3000, and Insurance on the property, \$25, some considerable repairs on the Episcopal residence are wanting, probably to the extent of \$300 or \$400.

No progress has been made since last report in the increase of Endowment of Bishop's Fund.

Ill health compels the undersigned, with this report, to resign the office with which the church has so repeatedly honored him.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ROACH, TREASURER.

April 26th, 1860.

# **TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE—STATEMENT A.**

**TABLE OF ASSESSMENTS, PAYMENTS AND ARREARS.**

PARISHES.		Arrears at last Convention.	Assessment of Convention of 1859.	Total due Convention, 1860.	Paid to date of this Report.	Now Due.
Trinity Church,...	Natchez, .....		500	500	500	
Christ "	Vicksburg, .....	120	400	520	520	
St. Andrews "	Jackson, .....	...	300	300	300	
Christ Church, ..	Church Hill, ....	...	260	260	260	.....
Trinity "	Pass Christian, ..	...	120	120	60	60
Christ "	Holly Springs,...	150	100	250	100	150
St. Paul's "	Woodville, .....	...	100	100	100	.....
St. John's "	Lake Washington, ..	80	100	180	.....	180
Trinity "	Yazoo City, .....	...	80	80	80	.....
St. Philip's "	Kirkwood, .....	...	75	75	75	.....
St. Paul's "	Columbus; .....	...	60	60	60	.....
Grace "	Canton, .....	...	65	65	65	.....
St. Andrew's "	Marshall County, ..	...	50	50	50	.....
St. Peter's "	Oxford, .....	80	50	130	130	.....
Cha. of the Cross,	Madison County, ..	...	40	40	.....	†40
St. John's Church	Early Grove, ....	10	30	40	40	.....
St. Alban's "	Bovina, .....	...	25	25	25	.....
Epiphany "	Claiborne County, ..	...	20	20	20	.....
St. John's "	Aberdeen, .....	20	20	40	.....	40
St. Matthew's "	Clinton; .....	...	20	20	20	.....
St. Mark's "	Raymond; .....	20	20	40	40	.....
Calvary "	Holmes County, ..	...	20	20	20	.....
St. John's "	Annadale, .....	...	20	20	20	.....
St. Luke's "	Brandon, .....	...	15	15	15	.....
St. John's "	Pontotoc, .....	...	10	10	10	.....
Messiah "	Noxubee, .....	5	10	15	15	.....
Ascension "	Hernando, .....	10	10	20	10	10
Grace "	Okolona, .....	...	10	10	10	.....
Christ "	Monticello, .....	10	10	20	10	10
St. Mark's "	Mississippi City, ..	...	10	10	10	.....
St. Luke's "	Shieldsboro, ' .....	...	10	10	10	.....
Ch. of Redeemer,	Biloxi, .....	...	10	10	10	.....
Church of Savior,	Osyka, .....	...	10	10	10	.....
St. Paul's Church,	Grand Gulf, .....	20	5	25	25	.....
Ch. of Crucifixion,	Yazoo County, ..	...	5	5	.....	5
St. James' Ch.,	*Port Gibson, ...	...	20	20	20	.....
<b>Totals,</b>		.....	\$ 2,610	.....	\$ 2,640	\$ 495

\*Not assessed—a voluntary contribution by this revived parish.

†Paid during Convention.

The Convention, upon motion, proceeded to designate the time and place for holding the next Annual Convention, whereupon it was

*Resolved*, Unanimously, that the same be held at HOLLY SPRINGS, on the Fourth Thursday of April, 1861.

The Convention then proceeded to elect a Standing Committee for the ensuing year, when, upon counting the ballots the—

Rev. HENRY SANSON, D. D.	Rev. WM. CROES CRANE,
Rev. W. W. LORD, D. D.	Mr. WM. C. SMEDES,
and Mr. WILLIAM YERGER,	

were found to have the highest number of votes, and were declared duly elected.

The Committee, upon motion, next proceeded to elect a Treasurer of the Diocese, and a further motion having been sustained to dispense with the ballot, Mr. John Duncan, of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, was declared to be the unanimous choice of the Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the cordial and unanimous thanks of this Convention be returned to Major James Roach, for the able, faithful and zealous manner in which he has performed for so many years the responsible duties of Diocesan Treasurer.

Mr. William C. Smedes was, upon motion, added to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to purchase and furnish the Bishop of the Diocese with a suitable book, wherein to record his official acts.

The Convention then, upon motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

At eight o'clock P. M., Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. Sansom, and a sermon preached by the Rev. E. Fontaine, from the Acts of the Apostles, II. chap. 47th verse.

CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG,  
SATURDAY, APRIL 28th, 1860. }

The Convention was called to order at 9 o'clock, A. M., by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, who opened it with Prayer.

The Roll of Clergymen and Lay Delegates was called, and there were found present as on yesterday, with the addition of the Hon. Wm. Yerger, of St. Andrew's, Jackson.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That a Committee of Inquiry for the better security of Church property in this Diocese, and consisting of W. C. Smedes, Wm. Yerger, Richard Evans, and Chas. D. Fontaine, be appointed to report at the next Dio. Con. such measures as may insure the safety of said property.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons, to whom was referred the following proposed

# CANON ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

If any communicant of the Church neglect to receive the Sacrament for three months, contrary to the advice of the Rector of the Parish in which he or she lives, said communicant shall be dropped from the parochial list of communicants, and a public announcement of such excommunication may be made to the Congregation, as the Rector may deem necessary to the good effect of church discipline and a holy life—

Report that they have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report adversely thereto. W. W. LORD, CHAIRMAN.

The following resolution was then presented :

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on Canons, respecting the Canon on Church Discipline be re-committed ; and that the said Committee be instructed to report a suitable Canon on the subject, to the next Convention.

On motion, the above resolution was laid on the table by a vote of orders, as follows :

Those voting *aye* of the Clergy were as follows :

Rev. Mr. F. Adams,  
Fred. W. Boyd,  
Wm. C. Crane,  
E. H. Downing,  
Edward Fontaine,  
John Foster,  
Benj. Halsted,  
Joseph H. Ingraham, LL. D.  
W. W. Lord, D. D.  
Benj. M. Miller,  
Willard Presbury,  
Henry Sansom, D. D.  
George W. Sill,—13

Clergy voting *nay* :

Rev. Robert F. Clute,  
Rev. Fred. Elwell,  
Rev. John Gierlow,  
Rev. James S. Greene,  
Rev. Gideon B. Perry, D.D.L.L. D.  
Rev. M. Leander Weller, 6

Parishes voting *aye* were

Christ, Vicksburg,  
St. John's, Annadale,  
St. Alban's, Warren County,  
St. John's, Early Grove,  
St. Peter's, Oxford,  
St. Andrew's, Jackson,  
Christ Church, Church Hill,  
St. Barnabas, Warrenton,—8

Parishes voting *nay*, were :

Trinity, Natchez,  
Epiphany, Claiborne County,  
St. Matthew's Clinton,—3

*Divided*,

Grace, Canton.

St. James, Port Gibson,—2



## THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL REPORT WAS PRESENTED :

The Committee of Inquiry into the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, report one vacancy, and nominate to fill it, James S. Johnston, Esq.

J. H. INGRAHAM, Chairman.

Whereupon James S. Johnston was unanimously elected a Trustee from this Diocese of the General Theological Seminary.

The following report and resolutions were presented by the Committee appointed to prepare a suitable expression of the feelings of the Convention in reference to the decease of George S. Yerger.

The Committee appointed to express the feelings of this Convention in view of the death of Geo. S. Yerger, find themselves inadequate to the task, through the very nature of their sentiments towards the deceased. The common-places of eulogy will not serve us. To the Clergy especially it seems difficult to convey to others a sense of their feelings towards Mr. Yerger, and of the relation in which he stood to them. Had he been indeed one of them, his character would still have made him beloved, and his abilities respected. But from a layman, such an expression of their peculiar feelings and their professional character, such a deep and tender interest in their affairs, and such a real unaffected and unfailing reverence for their Office as men appointed to minister in Holy things, is without a parallel in their experience. He will live in their memory and in that of the Church of Mississippi as the *Great and Good Layman*; a title that he would not have exchanged for any other were it even that of the Great Commoner, which it suggests. This generation must have passed away, ere the mere name of Yerger shall fail to awaken a vibration in the hearts of Churchmen. Many generations will have passed, before the memory of the Great Lawyer and Civilian, who loved the Church, and all the monuments of his learning and of his piety shall have disappeared from the earth. That he adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour, as few among the Christians of later times have done, is proved by the spontaneous outburst of feeling which succeeded his death, not only in the Church but in the community; and was even more strikingly witnessed by the great concourse of the poor; which together with the numbers of all classes of men and of all denominations of Christians, overflowed the Church and crowded the streets at his funeral.

A liberal Churchman, a large-hearted man, an humble, self-concealing and self-denying Christian, met in one, and combined to form the man whom we know as Geo. S. Yerger. We can wish nothing better for ourselves than that we may hereafter know and be able to read the new name which is inscribed upon the white stone—the mark of his election into the confraternity of the Saints of all Ages.

To his family, what expression can we give of our sympathy with their sorrow for his death? It may console them to know that the Church mourns with them, and she, who is the Mother of us all, does not sorrow for her children as those "without hope." So much of faith

and hope and charity as he carried with him into the grave, must, if it were possible, revive and strengthen our faith in the Resurrection.

To his Bishop, his Pastor and the Church, to whose Sacrament he was united, we tender our Christian sympathy, in their common bereavement. Without extravagance or affectation, we can say that we have lost a Christian brother and fellow disciple, who bore such a resemblance to St. John as the beloved disciple himself maintained to our Lord. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That we have learned with profound sorrow of the removal from the scene of his earthly labors, of our beloved brother in Christ, Geo. S. Yerger.

That to no one is the Convention more deeply indebted, under God, than to this great and good man—for many years its distinguished and honored member—who was always in his place, and always doing his appointed work with all his might; putting forth his noblest powers, and consecrating his time, his means and his influence to the best interests of the Church of God.

That in the harmony of his life and character, in his earnest and valiant advocacy of the truth, in his almost unexampled unselfishness, and devotion to every duty in all the relations of life, we recognise one of the most beautiful and attractive illustrations of our Holy Faith that has ever been presented to our view.

That while we revere his character, we will ever cherish his blessed memory, and maintain the principles which made George S. Yerger what he was ; and with God's help, will also follow the good example of this His servant, who having finished his course in faith, has gone to his rest in the sure hope of a glorious resurrection.

W. C. CRANE,	} Committee.
W. W. LORD,	
JAS. S. JOHNSTON,	

Whereupon the above resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

It was, on motion,

*Ordered*, That the Church and secular newspapers be respectfully requested by this Convention to publish these resolutions, together with the foregoing report.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted in reference to the late Mrs. Olivia Dunbar.

*Whereas*, since our last meeting, we have been bereaved of one who was truly a *mother in Israel*, in the decease of Mrs. Olivia Dunbar. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the members of this Convention do hereby acknowledge and record their high appreciation of the beauty of holiness as it adorned the character of our departed Sister in Christ, and their deep sense of the liberality and devotion which she ever evinced towards the Church, from its first establishment in Mississippi.

*Resolved*, That we tender our sincere condolence to her surviving relatives and to the Rector and members of the Parish, to which she belonged, and in which she especially glorified God, by her beautiful

practical exemplification of "whatsoever things are pure and lovely and of good report; in which there is any virtue, and any praise."

Messrs. W. C. Smedes, Wm. Yerger and John Duncan, were elected Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church property.

After a recess of fifteen minutes, which was ordered, the Convention re-assembled.

The following Clergymen were re-elected,—

#### THE ECCLESIASTICAL COURT OF THE DIOCESE.

Rev. B. M. MILLER,

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Rev. THOMAS D. OZANNE.

The Committee on Finance presented the following Report, which was read and the resolutions appended thereto adopted :

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance, to whom has been referred the account of the Treasurer of the Diocese, respectfully beg leave to report, that they have examined said account, with accompanying vouchers, and found it correct in every particular.

It affords your Committee much satisfaction to find, from the Treasurer's Report, that the assessment made by the last Convention, upon the several Parishes, for the support of the Episcopate, has in addition to the proceeds arising from interest on the endowment fund, proved fully adequate to the payment of the Bishop's salary for the past year. Some portions of the amount thus assessed have not yet been collected, but a confident belief is entertained that these arrearages, as exhibited below, will all, or nearly all, be paid at an early day. Should this belief be realized, a small balance will be left in the Diocesan Treasury, applicable to the discharge of a few outstanding obligations, due to individuals.

Upon a careful review of the respective amounts, assessed upon the Parishes, by the last Convention, for the support of the Bishop, your Committee would recommend a renewal of the last year's assessment upon each, with only a few alterations in the apportionment, which the Committee have thought it expedient to suggest, in order to remove complaint, and secure, perhaps, a more equitable adjustment amongst the Churches. The assessment we have made on three new Parishes, adds forty dollars to the aggregate sum, on account of the Bishop's salary.

The Committee regret, that owing to the absence of the late Treasurer of the Convention, Col. Hillyer, and for the want of the usual Annual Report from that officer, they are unable to make any report in relation to the fund designed to defray the contingent expenses of the Convention. It is believed, however, that the assessment made for that purpose, by the last Convention, with some alterations therein, which the Committee have made, will be sufficient for the supply of the requisite means, for the ensuing year.

# ASSESSMENT.

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The following is recommended, as the assessment for Bishop's salary and Contingent Expenses, viz :

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The arrearages on Bishop's salary, the past year, are as follows, viz:

Trinity Church, Pass Christian—alleged to have been sent, but not received.....	\$ 60 00
Christ Church, Holly Springs.....	150 00
St. John's Church, Lake Washington.....	180 00
St. John's Church, Aberdeen.....	40 00
Ascension Church, Hernando.....	10 00
Christ Church, Monticello.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 450 00

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz :

*Resolved*, 1st. That upon application from the Church of the Ascension, Hernando; and Christ Church, Monticello; for a release from the arrearages reported to be due, and owing from said Churchss, said arrearages, for good cause shown, be accordingly remitted.

*Resolved*, 2nd. That the above assessments, as made by the Committee, for Bishop's salary and Contingent expenses of the Convention, be adopted and confirmed by this Convention.

*Resolved*, 3d. That the foregoing assessments be levied on the Parishes named, for the support of the Episcopate from July 1, 1860, to July 1, 1861, and the Contingent Expenses of the Convention, and that each Parish be requested to remit to the Treasurer of the Diocese one-fourth of the said assessment for the support of the Episcopate, on the 1st of July, of October, of January and of April next; and be further requested to pay the assessment for Contingent Expenses to the Secretary of the Convention, at least one month before the day fixed for the next session of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. S. JONSTON, Chairman.

The Report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund was presented; and the list of notes accompanying it, ordered to be published in the Journal :

The undersigned, Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, beg leave to report that they find on hand notes belonging to said fund amounting to the sum of \$6,275 principal, and \$150 in cash—as appears in the annexed Report of James Roach, former Treasurer. They also report that they have examined the said report of James Roach, Treasurer, and find the same correct in all particulars.

WM. C. SMEDES,  
W. YERGER,  
JOHN DUNCAN.

April 28, 1860.

The notes and money referred to in the above report have been received by me, as Treasurer of said fund.

JOHN DUNCAN, Treasurer.

April 28, 1860.

*Report of Notes, &c., on hand belonging to the Episcopal Fund.*

NAME.	DUE.	AMOUNT.	
W. D. Bibb.....	1 June 1859	\$ 200 00	
M. W. Ewing.....	1 April 1862	100 00	
E. J. Hinton.....	1 April 1864	250 00	
Jas. S. Johnston.....	1 Oct. 1863	500 00	
J. Roach & W. Adams..	1 Nov. 1861	1,000 00	
" "	1 Jan. 1863	1,000 00	
W. B. Shields.....	29 April 1864	200 00	
Jas. D. Stewart.....	1 Sept. 1864	125 00	
Jas. D. Shields.....	1 Jan. 1861	200 00	
W. C. Smedes.....	1 Jan. 1861	500 00	
" "	1 Jan. 1862	500 00	
Geo. S. Yerger.....	1 Jan. 1861	500 00	
" "	1 Jan. 1862	500 00	
Wm. Yerger.....	1 April 1861	500 00	
O. O. Woodman.....	2 Jan. 1862	200 00	
Total notes.....		\$ 6,275 00	
Cash to be invested.....		150 00	
Total.....		\$ 6,425 00	
Amount of notes delivered me by W. C. Smedes in 1855.....			\$ 7,200 00
Less—error in J. D. Stewart.....			75 00
			\$ 7,125 00
Delivered Geo. S. Yerger, Esq., to pay debt from Episcopal Fund to St. Andrews College, A. K.			
Farrar's note.....		500 00	
B. Blake.....		250 00	
Part of M. W. Ewing....		100 00	\$ 850 00
Am't notes now on hand.....			\$ 6,275 00
Vicksburg, 26th April, 1860.			J. ROACH, Treasurer.

The two Lay Trusteeships in the University of the South being declared vacant, they were filled by the election, for the ensuing three years, of Thomas H. Stanton, Esq., of Natchez, and Doctor T. B. Magruder, of Port Gibson.

The Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D., presented his resignation of the office of Clerical Trustee of the said University.

Whereupon the Rev. William C. Crane was elected Clerical Trustee from the Diocese of Mississippi, of the University of the South, for the ensuing three years.



The Convention proceeded to the election of a Treasurer for the Diocese of Mississippi of the University aforesaid.

Whereupon Jas. D. Stewart, Esq., of Jackson, was declared duly elected to this office.

The Report of the Committee on the University of the South was presented, and on motion, the resolution accompanying it was adopted.

Report of the Special Committee appointed on the University of the South :

The Committee report, that having reference to the Bishop's Annual Address, as well as to the recent publications put forth by the Bishops and Trustees of the University of the South, they find occasion for congratulation and gratitude by reason of the heart-cheering prospects of its ultimate success.

Your Committee beg leave to commend the University of the South to the cordial and hearty co-operation of all who love the Church of Christ, and who desire to see her sons trained up as they should be under the salutary influence of religious restraint, while being prepared for the great duties of life.

Your Committee beg leave also to recommend to the patronage of the Church in this Diocese, "The Church Intelligencer," a paper recently established in Raleigh, N. C., and designed, as is understood, to be the medium of communication, not only of all matters relating to the Church generally, but especially devoted to the interests of the University of the South, and being recognized as such by all the Bishops connected therewith.

Your Committee beg leave to offer the following resolution for the adoption of this Convention :

*Resolved*, That this Convention hereby expresses its entire confidence in the wisdom and judgment of the Bishops and Trustees of the University of the South, together with a full approval of their preceding action, looking meanwhile to the Great Head of the Church for His blessing upon all that yet remains to perfect the work thus happily begun and thus far successfully prosecuted.

B. M. MILLER, Chairman.

Leave of absence was granted for the remainder of the session to Messrs. M. N. Ewing, and John Duncan.

The Committee on the State of the Church, presented their report as follows :

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The documents submitted to the Committee present nothing sufficiently marked to form the basis of special comment. In some particulars, there has been a decided advancement, while, in others, life and growth are evidenced rather by increased vigor and efficiency, than by any new development of our resources. The cause of Diocesan Missions has met with more than ordinary favor, during the past year; and with the means in hand, and reliable pledges, we are prepared to take possession of some of the promising fields of Missionary labor in our Diocese, hitherto unoccupied.

Special attention is called to the results of regular catechising among our colored people, as evidenced by the successful labors of the Rev. Mr. Damus; and to what may be done for the same class by careful and patient training in Christian households. The Committee would also earnestly press upon their brethren of the clergy, the recommendation of the Bishop in regard to the monthly catechising, openly in the Church, of the lambs of their respective flocks. The Church requires this of us all by an explicit law, and no mere substitution of Sunday-School instruction will meet this requirement.

The Bishop reports the organization of two new parishes since the last Convention; and that he has consecrated three Churches, while five others are very nearly ready for consecration; he has admitted two persons to Holy Orders, having four more candidates; four clergymen have been transferred, and eight have been received into this Diocese, making the present number of our Clergy thirty-five.

SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Families, number of.....	753	
Baptisms, Adults, white.....		59
"    colored.....		56
Infants, white.....		250
"    colored.....		262
Total.....		627
Confirmations—white.....	176	
colored.....	36	
Total.....		212
Communicants—white.....	1160	
colored.....	162	
Total.....		1322
Added.....	220	
Died.....	20	
Removed.....	102	
Marriages — white.....	51	
colored.....	12	
Total.....		63
Funerals — white.....	109	
colored.....	18	
Total.....		127
Sunday Schools—Teachers.....	126	
Scholars.....	771	
Total.....		897
Contributions.....	\$29,757	74

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. C. CRANE, Chairman.

On motion,

*Resolved.* That the Secretary be authorized to provide a sufficient number of blank forms of parochial reports, as already established, and that he supply each of the Clergy with at least three of such forms prior to the next Convention.

The following resolution was presented :

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee consisting of five laymen, be appointed by the Bishop, to consider and report to the next Convention, the best method of proceeding in order to increase the endowment of the fund for the support of the Episcopate.

A substitute to the above, was presented, in the preamble and resolutions following, which, on motion, were unanimously adopted :

*Whereas*, In the opinion of this Convention, it is of the utmost importance to the Church in this Diocese, that the Episcopal Fund should be increased to such a sum as will secure the support of the Bishop independent of assessments, upon the respective parishes : And whereas, the Convention is further of the opinion that a direct and earnest application by our Agent of the Convention to the laymen of this Diocese, will result in the accomplishment of this desirable object. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Col. James S. Johnston, of Christ Church, Church Hill, Jefferson Co., be and he is hereby earnestly urged by this Convention to undertake this onerous and laborious duty; and that in the event of his acceptance, he be requested to endeavor to secure an endowment of \$50,000, and to that end to visit such of the parishes as he may find it in his power to do, and to procure subscriptions either in cash or notes, in such form as to him may seem most convenient and of such amounts as he may be able ; and that he report his action to the next Convention.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese made their report, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

April 28, '59.—Rev. M. Sill appointed to collect funds for the endowment of the Bishop's salary.

Testimonials in behalf of B. R. Smyser, a candidate for Priest's Orders signed.

Dec. 26, '59.—Testimonial in behalf of Wm. F. Adams, a candidate for Deacon's Orders signed.

Feb. 1, '60.—Testimonial in behalf of J. C. Adams, as a candidate for orders signed. WM. C. SMEDES,  
Secretary Standing Committee.

The Special Committee on Diocesan Schools, presented the following report :

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIOCESAN SCHOOLS,

*In relation to the Deed of Gift of St. John's, Early Grove:*

Beg leave to report that the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund being General Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Mississippi, to whom was executed the deed of gift dated the 5th of February, 1852, from Moses Alexander, and others, to said Trustees, of a tract of land in Marshall County, beg leave to report that in the opinion of said Trustees, the 15th Canon of the Diocese authorizes and empowers said Trustees to receive by will, deed or otherwise, for the use of the Church, any property or money that may be given to them for the use of the Church generally, in the Diocese of Mississippi, and that under this Canon they would be empowered to take and receive the grant proposed by the said deed. But in the opinion of the Trustees,

which this Committee concur, it is inexpedient to accept the gift as proposed, because that gift is accompanied with conditions which might render the gift onerous and burdensome to the Church. These conditions are that the Diocese shall keep up Saint John's Church at Early Grove, and also keep up a School at said Church,—which conditions it is apparent might compel the Diocese to assume liabilities and debts that in the end would be prejudicial to the interests of the Church.

The Committee would further report, that in their opinion, the said Trustees have the power to receive donations of property intended for local purposes, but only such as are for the use of the whole Diocese.

They further report, that in the opinion of the Trustees, it is desirable that the gift proposed in the present instance, should be made to the Vestry of the Parish of St. John's Church, Early Grove, which being a local body, near the property proposed to be given, could manage it more to the interest and advancement of the Church than the General Trustees could do. Your Committee offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption :

WM. YERGER, for the Committee.

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Convention, the conditions annexed to the deed of gift of the 5th of February, 1852, from Moses Alexander, and others, render it inexpedient to accept the same. But this Convention gratefully acknowledges the liberal and Christian spirit which actuated the donors in making the gift, and the Convention hopes and requests that it will accord with the wishes and views of the donors to grant this property to the Vestry of St. John's Church, Early Grove, which being a local body, near the property, can manage it more satisfactorily than the General Trustees.

Whereupon, the resolution appended to the above report, was laid on the table for the present ; and the Treasurer of the Diocese was instructed to ascertain what proceedings may be necessary for the preservation to the Church of the property referred to, to make the best adjustment in his power of the interests involved, if possible on the basis of the above report, and to report what he may have done to the next Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the members of the Convention tender their thanks to the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for their courteous invitation to attend their Annual Convocation in the city of Vicksburg.

The following proposed Canon was presented, and on motion, laid on the table :

*Canon—Of Religious Services of Convention.*

On the first day of the meeting of each Convention, morning prayer shall be celebrated, with a sermon, and the administration of the Holy Communion ; and the session of each succeeding day shall be opened with the order for *daily morning prayer*.

Leave of absence was granted to the delegates from Port Gibson.

On motion, it was,

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this Body be returned to the Rector, Vestry and Parishioners of Christ Church, Vicksburg, for their kindness and attention during the session of this Convention.

On motion, it was,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the Pastor of the Presbyterian congregation in this city, for the kind offer of their church-building for religious services to-morrow; and that they be informed that it is not convenient for the Convention to avail itself of the offer.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made a report as follows :

The Committee on Unfinished Business having examined the Journal of the last Convention, find nothing requiring the action of this Convention.

B. HALSTED, Chairman.

On motion, it was,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to have printed 750 copies of the Journal of this Convention, embracing the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until after Divine Service in the evening.

At 8 o'clock p. m., the Evening Service was said by the Rev. John Foster, assisted by the Rev. M. Leander Weller; and a sermon preached by the Rev. John Gierlow, from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter xii, verse 22.

The Convention came to order after Divine Service, at the call of the Bishop.

The Rev. F. A. P. Barnard, LL. D., Chancellor of the State University, and Rector of St. Peter's, Oxford, appeared and took his seat.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

WHEREAS, At our late General Convention a Committee, consisting of one Layman from each Diocese, was appointed for the purpose of exciting among the Laity a more earnest and active piety, and a more thorough and hearty co-operation among themselves, and with their respective Clergy ;

AND WHEREAS, The member who represented this Diocese in that Committee has been removed by death, and this Convention, highly approving the object of said Committee, is desirous that the Diocese should continue to be represented therein ;

*Resolved*, unanimously, That James S. Johnston be recommended to the Committee to fill the place made vacant by the death of George S. Yerger.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested, without delay, to make known the above resolution to the President of the Convention.

On motion, it was ordered that the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Society be printed with the Journal.

No further business appearing before the Convention, a motion to adjourn prevailed.

Whereupon the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, after prayer and benediction, declared the Thirty-Fourth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi, adjourned *sine die*.

WM. CROES CRANE, Secretary.

JOHN DUNCAN, Assistant Secretary.

[ NOTE. ]

CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1860. }

At 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> A. M., Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. James A. Fox, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Perry and the Rev. Mr. Miller. After the Second Lesson, Baptism was administered by the Rector of the Parish to one adult and one infant.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, the Rev. Mr. Fox reading the Gospel.

The Sermon was preached from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, ix chapter, 37th and 38th verses, in behalf of the Diocesan Missionary Society, by the Rev. F. A. P. Barnard, LL. D.

Seven persons were Confirmed.

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Doctors Perry, Barnard and Lord; and the Rev. Mr. Fox.

At 4 P. M., Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Boyd, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Sill, and the Rev. J. H. Ingraham, LL. D., preached the Sermon from St. John's Gospel I chapter and 14th verse.

At 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> P. M., the Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Adams, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Sansom; and the Rev. Gideon B. Perry, D. D., LL. D., preached from I Cor., II chapter and 2d verse.

## APPENDIX.

### Bishop's Journal and Address.

Through the Divine mercy, we again take each other by the hand, beloved brethren. Another twelve months of labor have we been allowed to lay out for Christ, and the souls for which he died. And we once more meet together to take counsel for His Church, and give account, as in His presence, of our past year's stewardship. On casting my eyes over the yet small number who constitute my "fellow-helpers in the Lord," I feel thankful that my Clerical Staff is not only unbroken, but increasing in number. But alas! when I look next at the sturdy "rank and file" which form the strength of our band, I see a mournful gap. A faithful soldier of the Cross, is for the first time, missing from his place; and answers not with us to the accustomed roll-call. George S. Yerger no longer fights by our side the good fight of faith. His warfare is accomplished: the victory won:—and the hand of our Great Captain has lifted him to a place among the Principalities and Powers of a higher world. Whilst his spirit rejoices in the presence of Christ, we are left to mourn the loss of his counsel, and of that ready help in all good works which it was ever his delight to render. That hand, that tongue, that head, that heart,—all so freely and so fully given to God, will work with us no more. Oh how plainly does your Bishop now see, that he leaned too securely, if not sinfully, upon that man, that friend, that almost more than brother. That strong staff is now broken. And he is sternly admonished to look amidst his labors and trials to something more stable than an arm of flesh. Brethren, my heart runs out after this subject; and I know that the heart of each one of you answers to every throb of mine. But fondly as we love to dwell upon the memory of our departed brother, we feel that other and more bounden duties demand our attention. I turn therefore in mournfulness of spirit to lay before you a statement of what I have essayed to do for Christ and his Church, since we last met together.

*Thursday, May 5th, 1859.* I consecrated "St. Alban's Church," Warren County. In addition to the Rector Mr. Sansom, and his Assistant Mr. Fox, there were present and assisting the Rev. Messrs. Crane, Lord, Halsted, Damus and Downing of our own Clergy, and Rev. Mr. Currie of the Diocese of Louisiana. The impressiveness of the services seemed to be deeply felt by the large number which witnessed, and participated in them. The Temple that day dedicated to God's worship, though unpretending in size, may worthily compare with any building of like kind in the beauty of its designs, the fitness of its proportions, and the chasteness and simplicity of its style. Truly honorable to that Congregation—not more than a twelvemonth old—was such an offering to the Lord. If their future course be marked with anything like the pious and liberal zeal which distinguishes their outset in the Christian race, great will be the blessing in store for them. The Consecration Sermon was preached at my request by the Rev. Mr. Crane. At the close of the Sermon, the Rector, in addition to the privilege of thus preparing a House for the Lord, had the further happiness of presenting *twenty* persons willing to make of themselves, as well as of the Temple, which they had helped to build, a willing offering to the Lord. (Of these twenty, then confirmed, one belonged to the Congregation of Christ Church, Vicksburg.)

At the close of the protracted services, a plentiful collation was enjoyed under the beautiful and wide-spreading beach-trees adjoining the Church. After which every man returned to his own home, thanking God for his grace and goodness to the children of men.

On the following *Sunday*, (8th) in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, I admitted the Rev. Benjamin R. Smyser to Priest's Orders. I was assisted in the services by the Rector, (Rev. Mr. Crane), Rev. Dr. Barnard, Rev. Mr. Ozanne, and Rev. Mr. Downing. *Seven* persons were confirmed on the occasion—one of whom was colored. On the following day I baptized one infant in the same Church.

*Sunday, 22nd*—By appointment I was to have visited the Church of the Epiphany on this day; but as the time drew near I was most reluctantly compelled by failing health to decline the attempt.

Finding that my disease was gaining strength, and that I was unfitted for any labor, mental or physical, I left home on the 3rd day of June, to seek in a more bracing atmosphere, and in a thorough relaxation from all business the strength and health that were needed for the right performance of my duties.



Whilst thus absent from my Diocese, and compelled for the greater part of the time to abstain from all Ministerial exercises, I had the privilege of attending the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the "University of the South," at Beersheba; and also of once more uniting with my Brother-Bishops and other Representatives of the Church in General Convention.

Of the former occasion, I am thankful to say that it was like those which preceded it, a meeting of a band of brothers,—one in feeling, in hope, and in holy trust in God for an abundant blessing on our labors. From the Report of the Commissioners previously appointed for that purpose, it appeared that the sum of \$500,000 had been obtained, in valid subscriptions through the labors of a few weeks. Having thus secured the minimum capital which we had resolved to obtain before commencing our work, the Board took the necessary measures for arranging and perfecting their plan of operations, preparatory to the next annual meeting upon the site of the University.

A Special Meeting was also ordered for the Second Wednesday in February, in the City of New Orleans, for the purpose of receiving the further Reports of the Commissioners, and of the Committee on the general organization of the Institution.

During a sojourn of a few days at Sewanee, I baptized *two* children, August 21st, 1859.

Of our late General Convention I need not here speak at length, as its proceedings have been widely circulated through both the religious and secular Press, as well as by means of its own Journal. I cannot however, refrain from acknowledging with devout thankfulness the spirit of harmony and wisdom which characterized all its acts: Brotherly love prevailed among its members from day to day; measures for increased efficiency in every department of the Church were adopted with one accord; and every Bishop, Priest and Layman seemed to turn his face homeward with the resolution to do his duty more faithfully hereafter in that state of life into which it had pleased God to call him.

Among the more important acts which met the favor of both Houses, I feel constrained to mention two as calling for not only our devout and thankful remembrance, but our hearty, prayerful co operation. I allude, in the former instance, to the consecration of four Bishops for our organized Dioceses, and the election of two Missionary Bishops for our North-Western and South-Western Territories. Each

and all of these are true men, willing to lay out for God in holy labors, all the powers with which He has endowed them. One of these Missionary Bishops was consecrated before our adjournment: the other has recently received the Apostolic Commission for his truly Apostolic work.

The other act to which I would call your attention was a resolution introduced by a distinguished Layman in the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, having for its object the awakening of the Lay-members of the Church to a more active and united interest in her welfare, and to a more liberal and general devotion of their thoughts and time and money to the advancement of her various Institutions. I rejoice to add that this proposed measure met with a hearty approval on all hands.

Leaving the Convention the day before its adjournment I hastened, with partially restored health, to resume my Diocesan labors.

My first visit was to Corinth, where I spent the *23d and 24th of October*. I here met, by appointment, the Rev. Geo. Stewart, Deacon, who assisted me in the Services, and preached, as well as myself, once on *Sunday, the 24th*. On *Monday* I baptised *an* infant. Active measures are on foot for the erection of a Church, and an earnest desire is expressed by this little flock for a Missionary or Pastor's services. I left Mr. Stewart there in the hope that by remaining with them a week or two, he might encourage and assist them in their work.

From Corinth I proceeded to DeSoto county, to visit the several stations to which the Rev. M. L. Weller, Deacon, was about to minister, by my appointment. At Hernando I found that the Rev. Mr. Matthews had resigned the charge of the Church, and that the congregation was desirous of engaging a part of the services of Mr. Weller. After remaining there two days, visiting all the families of the congregation, baptising *one* infant and confirming *two* persons, I passed on to the neighborhood of Como and Sledgeville. At the former I baptised *one* adult; and at the latter *one* infant. In this neighborhood, as well as in that of Sardis and Senatobia, a few miles South, there are a few Church families who hail with delight the arrival of a Missionary among them. Mr. Weller will devote to them all the time that can well be spared from the more important points of his charge, viz: Hernando and Panola. At Panola I spent the *29th and 30 of October*. On *Sunday* I addressed a large congregation on the nature of the Church of Christ, and the Apostolic authority necessary to administer her sacraments. My words were received by a promiscuous congregation,

not only without offence, but apparently with much interest. I have hope that a prosperous Parish will, ere long, be built up in this place.

*November 3d*—I reached my family after an absence of precisely five months.

*November 9th*—After remaining just one week with my family, I set out to visit the Eastern and Gulf portions of the Diocese.

*Thursday the 10th*—Was spent in Oxford, where I was gratified at seeing their beautiful Church fast approaching its completion.

I was here rejoined by the Rev. Mr. Stewart, who was to accompany me to his destined field of labor in Lauderdale, Clark and Wayne counties.

I reached Pontotoc on the afternoon of the 11th, where I was met by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Clute. Mr. Stewart preached that evening, and I the next forenoon. This little flock is in hope of being soon able to erect a Church of their own: the building in which they have heretofore worshipped being in part owned by one of the Denominations.

On *Saturday the 12th*—I reached Okolona, accompanied by Messrs. Clute and Stewart. The next day, *Sunday the 13th*, services were held in Grace Church, both forenoon and evening, and at the neighboring Chapel in the afternoon. On the latter occasion I addressed the servants of Dr. Tucker and Major Hubbard, and confirmed *thirteen* of their number. In the evening the same rite was administered to *four* persons; and on the two following evenings *three* others received in like manner their baptismal obligations. On *Tuesday the 15th*, the Chapel, erected some years since by Dr. John E. Tucker, chiefly for the benefit of his slaves, and now owned jointly by Major Duncan Hubbard and himself, having been conveyed to the Episcopal jurisdiction of the Diocese, was, together with an adjoining burying-ground, solemnly set apart and consecrated to the holy purposes for which they were designed. The name of St. Cyprian was given to the Chapel, as one well suited to a house intended chiefly for the use of a congregation of African descent. A suitable discourse was delivered on the occasion. In the services of that day, as well as of the two preceding, I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Stewart, and the Rev. Mr. Clute.

I was truly gratified at finding that the Rev. Dr. Lacey had consented to take charge of the "Rose-Gates College," for girls, which has recently been established in this place. This is an Institution for which the Church and the public generally are chiefly indebted to the liberality of Col. Charles Gates. It is favorably situated in the borders of the

town and in full view of the Railroad. The principal building is planned with a view to both comfort and taste ; and will accommodate at least fifty pupils. Although not a *Diocesan* Institution, in the usual acceptance of that term, it is a school of the Church, under the control of a Board of Trustees, consisting of members of the Church, the Bishop of the Diocese acting as President.

The high and long established reputation of Dr. Lacey in the department of Female Education can hardly fail to draw a full number of pupils around him as soon as he is ready to receive them.

Before leaving the Parish, I gave license to three members of the Congregation to act as Lay-Readers under the direction of their Rector.

*Wednesday, 16th*—I reached Aberdeen, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Stewart. The Consecration of the Church took place the following day. In the various services of that interesting occasion I was assisted by Rev. Messrs. Gibson and Stewart, and the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Watson. It was truly an occasion of interest to all, thus to see the completion of a work begun eight years ago, and subsequently impeded by so many and various obstacles. In the discourse delivered in dedicating that building, I rejoiced to call up the memory of her who may justly be considered as its founder. A mural tablet will soon meet the view of each worshipper in that beautiful temple to tell them of the good done unto the House of God by *Mrs. Jane M. Dalton*. The Church was open for service four times during my stay. Discourses were delivered twice by Mr. Gibson, and once by Mr. Stewart. On *Friday evening* two persons were confirmed. I am truly thankful in being able to state that a day of prosperity seems at out to dawn on this Parish. Not only is it now freed from the debt which has so long oppressed it ; but it is in the possession of a Rector whose instructions are very acceptable.

Accompanied by Messrs. Gibson, Watson and Stewart, I arrived at Columbus on *Saturday* afternoon. The beautiful Church at this place was completed and prepared for use, but not ready for Consecration, as a small portion of the cost remained unpaid. This indebtedness I know will not long barthen a people who have, in the prosecution of their pious undertaking, shown so commendable and even surprising a liberality. Assisted by the above named Brethren, the Church was five times opened for the worship of God and the preaching of His Word. On each occasion the attendance was unusually large, and the interest apparently both deep and general. *Two* persons renewed their

baptismal vows in Confirmation; *two* others being kept away by unavoidable causes. This Parish is in a more prosperous condition than it has been for many years; and may yet look for a still brighter day under the systematic and energetic labors of their present Pastor.

At Macon I spent a part of the 21st and 22nd. I preached once in the Methodist Church, assisted by Mr. Stewart, and visited a few of the families. No direct attempt was made to stir up once more the friends of the Church in this place. I thought that my duty was for the time fulfilled, in assuring them of my readiness to do all I could in their behalf, so soon as they should call upon me, with a disposition to put their own shoulders to the wheel.

*The 23rd and 24th* were given to the Church of the Messiah. Here I was truly thankful to find many signs of growth and promise. Several Church families have recently been added to the neighborhood; and the School of Miss Judith Slaughter, opened only three years ago, is already full to overflowing, and doing no little in training the young for both worlds. Regular ministrations are much needed here; and no effort shall be spared on my part to provide them. As a partial and present supply, the Rev. Mr. Stewart will, at my request, officiate for them on one Sunday of each month, until the services of a resident Pastor can be obtained.

On Thursday, the 24th, I preached to a full congregation, one half of which was composed of the girls of the School. During the services *one* infant was baptized.

The next day I reached DeKalb at 2 o'clock, preached that evening, and baptized *one* adult. It was truly gratifying to see that owing to the consistent example and zealous instruction of the only member which we have hitherto claimed in this place, no little attention and interest had been drawn to the claims of the Church on the part of two or three families hitherto strangers to our services. In Mrs. Ann H. Hampton, the Church possesses not only a pious and intelligent member, but one who is earnestly and zealously engaged in bringing others to a knowledge and love of our doctrine and discipline and worship. Out of the profits of her daily labors in her school, she willingly offers one-half (\$250) for the monthly visit of a Missionary. Such liberality, such love for the ministrations of the Church, and so zealous a concern for the good of others, is well worthy of this brief notice.

Mr. Stewart will give to this place as much time as can consistently be taken from other portions of his field of labor.

*Saturday, the 26th, and Sunday, the 27th,* were devoted to Lauderdale Springs. This place, though crowded to excess during the Summer months, presents at this season the appearance of a deserted village. On Saturday, I visited several families, and preached on Sunday in a House of Worship open to all denominations. The congregation, though not very large, was as much so as could reasonably have been expected from the short and imperfect notice given of my coming. As on several previous occasions, I delivered an unwritten discourse, taking for my subject the peculiar and distinctive claims of the Church with respect to her Worship and Ordinances, but especially her Ministry. My remarks, though extended far beyond the usual length, were listened to with apparent interest; and, I rejoice to add, without the least offence. In the afternoon, I baptized *one* infant.

The next day found me at Marion Depot, twelve miles lower down the R. Road. At 2½ P. M., the Rev. Mr. Stewart preached to a small congregation, in a school-house,—the prayers for the most part being offered by myself. The following forenoon I preached to a still smaller congregation, assisted in turn by Mr. Stewart. There are but few friends of the Church at this place. The Hon. Samuel Chapman and Lady, who reside in the vicinity, are truly desirous of obtaining her ministrations, and will aid liberally in the support of a Missionary. Their hospitable abode was a grateful resting place during my two days' stay. Just as I was setting out for my next appointment, I was informed that there were one or more families in the village of Marion, attached to the Church, and desirous of once more participating in her Worship. Having no time to visit them, I requested Mr. Stewart to seek them out on his return.

The next three days were spent at Meridian, the point at which the "Southern" will soon meet the "Mobile and Ohio R. Road." Although but few buildings have as yet been erected at this place, I feel confident that it will in a few years be filled with an active and thrifty population. There are now some five or six families of the Church, within a few miles of Meridian; and others are thinking of settling in it. In view of the probable and speedy growth of this place, I accepted the kind offer by one of its proprietors, of a lot for a Church-site; and determined to urge the friends of the Church to purchase two others adjoining it, to afford room for a Rectory, and a Parish School.

On the evening of our arrival, Mr. Stewart preached in the Female Academy, one or two miles distant : and the next day I preached in the Baptist Church, near the Depot.

*Dec. 2nd.* I reached Enterprise in the afternoon. This place which now contains nearly two thousand inhabitants is, in great part, the growth of three years, and affords one among the many marked effects produced by railroads. It was a matter of surprise to me to see the rapid increase of both trade and population since I passed through it a year ago. I preached twice, and Mr. Stewart once. Our services were an entire novelty to many. Some had never before laid eyes on a Minister of our Church ; but all seemed gratified, and gave an earnest as well as respectful attention. My discourse on Sunday afternoon, was in explanation of the doctrine, discipline, and Worship of the Church, and was received in the same kindly spirit in which it was uttered. The baptism of an infant on this occasion, created a new interest, by the exhibition of the solemn and impressive manner in which our Church administers that sacrament. At no place along this railroad is there so wide an opening for the Church. Eight or ten communicants, and an equal number of families stand ready to unite at once in the organization of a Parish, and in obtaining the services of a Minister. The Rev. Mr. Stewart, whilst devoting a considerable portion of his time to several places both above and below this point, will make Enterprise his residence, and give to it a large share of his services.

At Quitman, I spent *the 5th and 6th of December.* Opportunity was afforded both to Mr. Stewart and myself, to preach in the Baptist Place of Worship. The congregations were very attentive, and as large as could reasonably have been looked for on a week day, and upon short notice. On the evening of the 6th, I united a couple in the bonds of matrimony. This place is small, and in great part possessed by the sects. I do not doubt however of the success of the Church, if her services could be regularly and perseveringly exhibited before the people. Mr. Stewart hopes to visit them occasionally.

DeSoto was the next place visited. It was our intention to give the people two services, but such was the almost unprecedented coldness of the weather, that we called the people out but once, the thermometer even then being fifteen degrees below the freezing point. The congregation was of course not a large one ; but their attention was great, most of them having never heard or seen a Minister of our Church, before that day.

There is but one Church family in the place.

*On the 8th* I rode five miles down the road to visit a family, whose father, recently deceased, had once been a zealous and active member of our Communion. His widow, though belonging to another denomination, requested that her *seven* children should be received into the same fold to which their father had belonged. I accordingly baptized them all, together with two colored children; and during my stay, instructed them as far as I could in the duties to which their baptism bound them, leaving with them also a number of Tracts of the nature and claims of the One Holy and Catholic Church into which they had been graciously admitted.

The last place visited on this route was "State-line Station," where the "Mobile and Ohio Road" crosses the line between this State and Alabama. Within a mile or two of this station is the residence of the venerable Col. George S. Gaines, whose family are the only members of the Church in that immediate region. On my arrival, I found that a room of the Station-house had been swept and temporarily fitted for our services. A small and wondering congregation met us on *Sunday, the 11th*, and gave as good heed as they could amidst the passing and unloading of several trains, whilst I explained and pressed home upon them that important question, "What must I do to be saved?" At the conclusion of the services, several pressed forward, expressing their gratification and thankfulness, and begging that we would preach the Word to them again.

This being the Southern limit of Mr. Stewart's appointed field of labor, I here left him, commending him to the Grace of God, for the work before him.

Passing through Mobile, I reached Pass Christian on *Thursday the 15th*—having lost two days by disappointments in the boats. The three following days were spent in that Parish. On *Sunday, the 18th*, I made a short Address to the Sunday School, and preached in the forenoon. In the afternoon I confirmed *one* person in private, and administered the Holy Communion. And at night I addressed, at some length, the pupils of Trinity Female School. The person thus confirmed was a young daughter of the Rev. Dr. Savage, on whom disease had laid its wasting hand, threatening soon to terminate her days. A few weeks after she gently and hopefully entered into life.



It was with no little pleasure that I found my former beloved Presbyter, Rev. J. Avery Shepherd, and his wife, associated with Rev. Dr. Savage in the management of his school. And I can freely say, after four days residence in the school buildings, and association with both pupils and teachers, that that Institution was never more deserving of the patronage of Christian parents than under its present Rectors and corps of Instructors.

No appointments had been made for me at either Biloxi or Mississippi City, as both places were comparatively deserted at that season, and I had given them reason to expect another visit from me in the summer months. I was gratified at learning that a very neat and commodious Church was very nearly ready for consecration at Mississippi City.

I had intended to spend the 20th and 21st, at Shieldsborough ; but on approaching the place, it was deemed unsafe to land, on account of the high wind and darkness of the night. I consequently reached home on the 22d December, two days sooner than I expected.

*Christmas Day*—Was spent in the bosom of my family, and in the enjoyment of the Holy Worship and Communion of the Church.

*On Tuesday, the 27th, (St. John the Evangelist's day)*—I admitted William F. Adams to the Holy Order of Deacon's, being assisted in the services of the occasion by Rev. Joseph Spencer, D. D., and the Rev. Messrs. Crane and Sill. At my request the Ordination Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Sill. Mr. Adams had just been transferred to this Diocese by the Ecclesiastical Authority of Tennessee. Immediately after his Ordination he set out for Woodville, having been previously invited to the charge of St. Paul's Church in that place.

*Sunday, January 1st, 1860*—I had made an appointment to officiate on this day at Terry ; but was prevented from fulfilling it by a sudden attack of sickness just after leaving my house.

*Sunday 8th*—I spent at home, assisting the Rector of St. Andrew's in the services of the morning, and preaching for him in the evening.

*Sunday 15th and Monday 16th*—Were given to Grace Church, Canton ; I preached twice, and confirmed six persons—one of them in private. The Rector, Dr. Sansom, assisted in the various services. Before the commencement of the morning worship I made a brief address to the Sunday Scholars.

*Saturday and Sunday 22d and 23d*—Were devoted to the flock of St. Alban's. Besides visiting many of the families on *Saturday*. I

preached on *Sunday*, confirmed *ten* persons, and assisted by the Rector, administered the Holy Communion.

The rapid growth and prosperous condition of this infant Parish is truly wonderful; and should call forth the devout and thankful acknowledgment of every portion of our Diocese. Three years ago our Church was but little known in that region; and the people were, for the most part, committed to the several denominations. Now, a beautiful Temple, complete in all its arrangements, and well furnished for the worship of God, rears its cross and belfry in view of the Railroad traveller. Most of the families have become constant worshippers before its altar; and within the last twenty-one months forty-eight persons (many of them heads of families,) have received the rite of confirmation. To this gratifying statement I cannot refrain from adding, what to me is an especial cause of rejoicing, viz: that in almost every instance the authoritative baptism of the Church preceded the Apostolic "Laying on of Hands."

This Parish needs only a Rectory to place it upon an equality with most of the older ones in the Diocese.

*Sunday 29th*—I officiated in the new and beautiful little Church at Terry. The congregation pretty well filled the house, although the notice of our services had not been general. The Rev. Mr. Bemon, (lately Rev. Mr. Smyser,) assisted in the services. This Church, though finished and ready for use, cannot yet be consecrated, as there is still due for its construction a debt of several hundred dollars. Seldom have I seen a more neat and appropriate building for the use of a rural congregation. With great simplicity and plainness it unites a truly Church-like character in both its proportions and internal arrangements. Much do I wish that it could be seen by many of our friends in various parts of the Diocese who are straining after a building far beyond their means, not knowing how suitable and becoming a temple they may obtain at a reasonable cost. The Architect was Mr. Milton Bigelow, of Vicksburg.

*February 1st*—I admitted as a Candidate for Orders, John C. Adams, M. D., a Licentiate of the Methodist Denomination.

*Saturday the 4th and Sunday 5th*—Were spent in Brandon. On *Saturday* I baptised *three* children, and on *Sunday* preached and administered the Holy Communion, being assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Elwell. The condition of this Congregation has remained

without improvement for several years. This, I am persuaded, is owing chiefly to their having no place of worship, except a public room used in common by various denominations, and for other than religious purposes.

On *Wednesday 8th*—I attended, in New Orleans, a meeting of the "University of the South," held for the purpose of preparing a suitable Constitution and Statutes for the organization and government of that Institution. A copy of these is herewith laid upon your table; and I earnestly invite to them the close attention of each member of this Convention. Although much care and pains were taken in the first draft of them by the Committee appointed for that purpose, and five days of close labor were bestowed upon them by the Trustees, their final ratification has been deferred to a future meeting of the Board, to be held during the approaching summer. In the meantime it is very desirable to hear the judgment of our intelligent friends upon the work so far as it has proceeded.

*Sunday the 12th*—I officiated at Osyka, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Spencer, who, for the occasion, took the place of the Rector of the Parish, unavoidably absent. In the forenoon I preached and confirmed *three* persons. Dr. Spencer officiated in the afternoon. I was greatly gratified at seeing how commodious and beautiful a temple this little band of Church people had erected for their use. Nothing but a debt of a few hundred dollars prevented it from being consecrated at this time. In view of what has been done for themselves by the very small number constituting this Parish, others may take courage, and learn how far the earnest and well directed exertions of one or two pious women can go towards promoting the glory of God, and the advancement of His Church.

*Saturday 18th*—I went to Clinton, and spent the day in visiting the several families of the Congregation. The next day (*Sunday 19th*.) I preached at 11 o'clock, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Elwell.

At the close of the services I rode over to Raymond, and preached at 4 o'clock. On *Monday* forenoon I again preached, administered the rite of confirmation to *three* persons, and baptised *two* children.

I next visited Warrenton, in company with the Rev. Mr. Damas, and spent three days, *25th, 26th and 27th*, in that village and neighbor-

hood. Mr. Damus had already officiated here several times, and had been encouraged to hope that much good might be done by the ministrations of the Church. On *Saturday* I performed the funeral services of a worthy citizen of the vicinity. The next day (*Sunday 26th*,) I preached, baptised *one* adult, and confirmed *two* persons. My discourse was for the most part explanatory of the distinctive features of our Church system, and was listened to with apparent earnestness and gratification. At the close of the services, a portion of the people remained, and formed themselves into a Congregation or Parish, under the name of "The Church of St. Barnabas."

On *Monday 27th*—I rode down to "Diamond Place," and preached that night to the servants of Mr. Laughlin, together with his own family and one or two of his neighbors.

The next day I preached at the house of Mrs. Freeland to her servants and family. *Two* colored adults were baptised by Mr. Damus, and *three* were subsequently confirmed. Mr. Damus then catechised all the servants who were present, old and young. They were carried through the whole of the Church Catechism. Each question was answered by all, in one voice; and seldom have I heard more correct answers given by any class of Catechumens. Much labor and patience must have been required on the part of their zealous Pastor to bring them to so correct a knowledge of that excellent Compend of Divinity.

And here, my Brethren of the Clergy, I would pause a moment in this narrative of my labors, to remind you affectionately and earnestly of the unspeakable importance of this part of your parochial work, I mean that of catechising the young, and the servants of your people. I am well aware that you all regard this as a time-honored custom of our Church, and that you have not passed it by in the routine of your ministerial duty; but you will pardon your Bishop, after ten years of Episcopal service, added to thirty of parochial labor, for saying that both the experience and observation of those forty years have taught him that wherever the work of catechising is frequently and faithfully performed, whether it be in a Diocese, a Parish, or a household, *there* will be found, sooner or later, the richness of the blessing of God. No better sign could be given of either a prosperous or a declining Parish than the attention or the neglect of this duty on the part of its Pastor.

And to this neglect many are unconsciously tempted at the present day by the Institution of Sunday Schools :—an Institution calculated to do much good in its place, but never intended by the Church nor by those who first introduced it, to set aside or to jostle the primitive Catholic and Heaven-appointed mode of Catechising. The one should ever be regarded as subservient or preparatory only to the other; and far sooner would I rather hear that a Parish is without a Sunday School, than to learn that such a school has usurped the place of that public, monthly Catechising which has so long been the strength and glory of our Church system.

*Saturday, 3d*—I reached Kirkwood, and preached the next forenoon to the whites, and in the afternoon to the blacks. As the usual notice had not been received of my intended visit, the candidates who had been prepared for confirmation were unfortunately absent, as also were several of the usual Congregation. In consideration of this partial disappointment I gave them reason to expect another visitation in June.

*Friday, March 9th*—I set out on my Southern visitation; spent that night in the neighborhood of Gallatin, and baptised *two* children.

I reached Epiphany Church at 3 P. M., the following day. Finding the Congregation assembled for worship I preached to them, being assisted in the prayers by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Gierlow. The next day, *Sunday, 11th*, I preached again in the forenoon to a full Church, confirmed *nine* persons and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon the Church was nearly filled with a colored congregation. After a suitable services I addressed them on the great value of the soul, and on what God had done to save it. *Five* of their number then received the "laying on of hands," and partook of the Holy Communion. At the conclusion of the services at the Church I rode seven miles and baptised *a* lady that night.

*Monday, 12th*—Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Gierlow, I visited several families of the Congregation, on the way to Port Gilson, where I preached the next evening, and confirmed *one* person.

*Wednesday, 14th*—Visited Grand Gulf, preached at night, and baptised *one* infant, Mr. Gierlow assisting in the services. This place has suffered much within the last few years from fire and pestilence, and the encroachments of the river. The few friends of our Communion who remain will be compelled to unite with Port Gilson in any future attempts to provide themselves with the ministrations of the

Church. My present visit was no little saddened by finding the abode of my late friend, Col. Hugh M. Coffey, deprived of its kind and hospitable possessor. The disastrous explosion of the steamer *Princess* had put a violent and sudden end to a life which had been distinguished for sincerity, truthfulness, warm-heartedness and the strictest integrity. Many friends have been made to mourn his death besides him who pays this public, but heartfelt, tribute to his memory.

*Friday, 16th*—I preached at the residence of Dr. T. B. Magruder, near Port Gibson, baptised *one* white, and *two* colored infants, and *six* colored adults; and confirmed *two* white and *nine* colored persons. This is not the first time that I have administered these holy offices in this household. Though long deprived of the stated ministrations of the Church, neither children nor servants have failed to receive, from the head of the family, those wholesome teachings and that godly nurture which so abounds in her Confessions and Creeds and Psalter and Lessons and Catechisings and Prayers. May the blessings bestowed upon faithful Abraham descend upon this and all such houses.

Whilst in Port Gibson my heart was truly gladdened at seeing a state of things for which I had long been waiting, and of which some of our friends had begun to despair. The Parish has been re-organized, a new and hopeful spirit has been infused into our people, and several thousand dollars have been subscribed toward the erection of a Church. The resuscitation of this long dormant Parish is owing chiefly, under God, to the zealous exertions and efficient services of Rev. Mr. Gierlow, aided by a few active and zealous Laymen. Everything now bids fair for success. May God bless the work, and establish in that place the fair borders of our Zion.

*The 17th, 18th, and 19th*—Were given to Christ Church Parish, Jefferson county. On *Sunday, 18th*, I preached in the forenoon, and confirmed *four* persons. The Rev. Mr. Gierlow preached in the afternoon, being assisted, as I was in the forenoon, by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Miller. The next day was spent in visiting as many families of the Parish as could conveniently be reached.

Since my last visitation this Parish, together with a wide circle of friends outside of it, has had to mourn the death of that warm-hearted, open-handed, much-loved servant of God, Mrs. Olivia Dunbar. Not content with countless acts of munificence to the Church while living, she crowned the whole in her last hours by leaving a large portion of her

estate (more than \$50,000,) for the purpose of erecting and endowing, in that Parish, a Female School, under the auspices of the Church. How justly may the name of this true "Mother in Israel" be enrolled among those who shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

*Tuesday, 20th*—I preached in Washington at 4 P. M., in the Methodist Church, and visited during the day all the families of our Communion. There is in this place and its vicinity, abundant material for the organization, or rather, re-organization of a Parish, and also sufficient ability to erect a Church and support a Clergyman. I pray God to give them the *will* to do it.

In Trinity Parish, Natchez, I remained from the 21st to the 27th. On *Sunday, the 25th*, I preached both in the forenoon and evening, and confirmed on the former occasion *twenty-seven* persons. My thankfulness at welcoming so large a number to the profession of God's service was no little increased by seeing among them *five* colored persons. I gladly hail this as the first fruits of a future harvest in that neglected field, and as a token that the Good Spirit is about to open the hearts of many, especially the more wealthy, to provide for these dependent and destitute souls the wholesome and conservative teachings of the Church.

During my stay I endeavored to pass a few moments in most of the Church families in and near the place.

It was very gratifying to me to perceive that there was in this Parish an increasing interest in religious things. The attendance on the services of the Lord's day is fast filling up the seats of the Church, and even turning the thoughts of some towards providing the privileges of public worship for many who are now deprived of them by the crowded condition of the Church, or their inability to pay for a rented pew. I was much gratified at finding among the pew-holders of Trinity Church, a number willing and ready to aid in the erection of another House of Worship in which the Gospel of our God, and the Ordinances of the Church might, as far as possible, be offered to all, "without money and without price." An opportunity now presents itself of obtaining, on very reasonable terms, a building every way suited for the purpose. And truly thankful would I be to learn that the benevolent design was in the way of being fulfilled.

On *Wednesday, 28th*—Accompanied by Rev. Dr. Perry, I rode to "LaGrange," the residence of Mrs. Charlotte Griffith, eight miles from Natchez. Here I found, as I had two years since, that the faithful and untiring instructions of this lady, and her children, had prepared a

number of her slaves for an intelligent and profitable reception of both baptism and confirmation. After addressing them on the nature and obligation of these two Ordinances, and the purposes which they were intended to answer in the great plan of salvation, I baptised *three* infants, and *ten* adults, and confirmed *twelve*. As on the former occasion, so at this time, was I pleased to see that the "sponsors" for the infant children, and the "witnesses" for the adults, were their youthful master and mistress, who, although still very young, had not only themselves entered into the service of God, but were desirous of thus doing what they could for the spiritual benefit of those whom God had made dependent on them. Over such a household the Spirit of Grace must delight to hover.

Next morning I rode to "Laurel Hill," the late residence of Dr. Wm. N. Mercer, and preached in his beautiful little Chapel to a small number of the neighboring families. In the afternoon I baptised, at one of his adjacent plantations, *fifty-four* infant children of his servants. I had time to say only a few words to the parents present; but my heart yearned for the opportunity of preaching the riches of Christ to the very large number of slaves on these plantations, as well as of admitting their children into the Church by baptism.

On *Friday, 30th*—I reached Woodville and spent the three following days in the Parish. On *Sunday, April 1st*, after catechising the children of the Sunday School, I preached, confirmed *seven* persons and administered the Holy Communion. I also preached again in the afternoon. In all these services I was assisted by the Rev. Wm. F. Adams, (Deacon,) who had been ministering to this Congregation for the last three months. The rapidly increasing attendance of the people upon the services of the Church, as well as other signs of resuscitation, show that his labors are likely to be blessed as they deserve to be.

On *Wednesday, April 4th*—I was once more with my family.

*Good Friday, (April 6th.)* In St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, I preached in the evening and confirmed *twelve* persons; *one* other having privately received that rite in the afternoon. There are signs of health and growth in this Parish, truly gratifying and encouraging to all who are interested in its welfare. Rarely, if ever, has there been found a more striking proof of the many and reciprocal advantages to be derived from the union of a faithful Pastor with a loving and grateful people.



On Easter Eve I set out for Holly Springs, where I preached three times:—the next day (Easter) gave authoritative baptism to *two* adults, and confirmed *seven* persons. Since the erection of their new and beautiful Church, this congregation has exhibited a far different aspect from that which it wore for some years previous.

I was much gratified, on visiting St. Thomas' Hall, to see it rescued from its late ruinous state, and once more placed in a condition to answer the ends for which it was founded. Much praise is due to the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Ingraham, for his exertions towards re-fitting the Institution, and furnishing it with suitable Instructors. There is still needed for its full success, a Vice-Rector or Principal, who will with his family reside in the buildings, and receive a large number of pupils as boarders. As an adopted Institution of the Diocese, occupying an important position within our borders, and having good reason to boast of some of its past pupils, it surely needs no special commendation to the good will and kind offices of those whom I am now addressing.

*Tuesday, the 10th*, was spent at Early Grove, where I preached both forenoon and afternoon, and confirmed *one* colored person. The condition of this hitherto prosperous Parish is likely to be seriously affected by the emigration of some of its families to homes still further in the South and West. A *resident* Clergyman is much needed to take in charge the Rectory, and other property of the Parish, and to give a Pastoral oversight to "Wilson Hall,"—an Institution for the education of boys designed by its founders to be placed under the control of our Convention, and be made a child of the Diocese.

My next appointment was for St. Andrew's Church, on the 12th, where I was met by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Fagg, and Rev. Dr. Ingraham. After the usual services by these two brethren, I preached to a small congregation.

On the next evening I was in Oxford, and had the pleasure of officiating in their nearly completed Church building. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Ingraham;—after which I confirmed *nine* persons, four of whom were students of the University. It is hoped that this beautiful building will be ready for Consecration in a few weeks.

By leaving Oxford at 3 o'clock in the morning, I was enabled to meet my appointment in Carrollton, where I preached that evening, and twice the following day (*Sunday, 15th*) My discourse on Sunday

forenoon, was delivered to a crowded congregation in the Court-house ; and was intended to present a brief explanation and defence of the Church's doctrine, discipline and Worship. It was listened to with unusual patience and attention ; and, I trust, it may make a favorable opening to the labors of the friends and members of our Zion in that place who ardently desire her ministrations.

At the close of the exercises, *two* persons were confirmed, and *one* infant was baptized. I was assisted in the services of both days, by the Rev. Mr. Halsted, who had previously officiated several times in the place.

On the following morning (16th) I rode sixteen miles to Black-Hawk, and preached at 11 o'clock, in the Methodist place of worship.

*Tuesday, 17th*,—At the appointed hour I was at the door of Calvary Church, but did not officiate, as the heavy rain of the previous night and the threatening aspect of the morning, kept the people from meeting me.

*Wednesday, 19th*, I reached Major Vaughn's, in Yazoo County, and preached the next morning in his parlor to his family, together with a few of his neighbors ; and again in the afternoon to his servants assembled on the lawn. The regular services of a Missionary are much needed in this neighborhood :—the recent change in Rev. Mr. Scott's residence, rendering it inconvenient for him to continue his services as heretofore. On Friday morning, before leaving the neighborhood, I baptized *two* children.

Whilst approaching Yazoo City, the place of my next appointment, I received the first intelligence of that chastening visitation which clothes our Diocese in mourning. How shall I speak to you, beloved brethren, in fitting terms, of the bereavement which has come upon us in the death of that dear brother.—that good man,—I had almost said, that best of men, George S. Yerger. The mention of his name calls forth a eulogy from every heart ; but it is a eulogy which can find expression only in the bowed head, the heaving breast, the tearful eye, the silent ejaculation, "Thy will, mysterious God," be done ! This is not the time to speak of our departed brother as he deserves, even if our sorrowing spirits were allowed their usual utterance. Another opportunity and a fitter tongue will, I trust, be found, ere long, to tell *what we have lost in him*. *What he has gained in leaving us* can be told only by those beatified Spirits whom he has gone to join. I will

not say, "Peace to his departed spirit,"—for it has more than peace. It is even now in the enjoyment of every blessing that can come upon the righteous man before the coming of that day which is to reveal the fulness of the recompense of our reward.

*Saturday, the 21st,*—I was to have preached at the plantation of the deceased. But when the appointed hour arrived, instead of the cheerful services in which he was accustomed to join so heartily with his servants, there was heard the sobbing of those loving dependants as they followed the hearse which bore away the remains of him whom they regarded more as a father than as a master.

*Sunday, the 22nd,*—I officiated in Yazoo City, in the forenoon, and confirmed *five* persons. I was assisted by the Rector the Rev. Mr. Foster, and by the Rev. Mr. Presbury, who also preached in the afternoon. On the latter occasion, I administered confirmation to *two others*, and baptized *one* infant. I was much gratified at finding in this parish signs of health and increase; and at seeing that there was a growing love and confidence between Pastor and people. A new Church building would give a powerful impulse to their onward course, as well as furnish a safer and more comfortable place for the worship of the people.

*Monday, 23rd,*—I reached Col. M. W. Ewing's, and preached to his family and servants that night. The next day (24th) I preached again, confirmed *two* persons, and administered the H. Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Foster and Presbury. Mr. Foster gives to this place the fifth Sunday only in each month; the intervening Sundays being supplied with such offices and instructions as a Lay-Precacher may rightly perform. The influence of one pious Church family upon a neighborhood hitherto ignorant of, if not prejudiced against our Communion, is gradually extending itself, and may yet lead to a prosperous rural parish.

The only parish of any size which I have felt compelled to leave unvisited is that in which we are now assembled. But I feel assured that the good people which compose it will impute my apparent neglect of them to any cause rather than a want of becoming interest in their welfare. Having of necessity, and (may I not add,) through the urgent request of the Diocese also, devoted a large portion of the last twelve months to the recovery of my health, I found myself on getting to work again, compelled to pass by a few of the places usually visited, as well as to shorten my stay in the others. Like causes constrained

me to do the same thing last year. And as Natchez, the largest parish in the Diocese, was then left unvisited until the Convention, so is Vicksburg now. It is hoped however that the presence and the godly instructions of the Brethren now assembled, will more than make amends for this forced omission. I have reason to believe that the parish is prospering under the labors of its able Rector. The candidates for confirmation, *eight* in number, will receive that rite before the adjournment of our body.

Thus ends the record of my year's labors. May a merciful God forgive its shortcomings.

The number confirmed is *two hundred and twelve*, of whom *thirty-six* were slaves.

I have baptized *six* white adults and *twenty-nine* infants; *twenty-five* colored adults and *forty-nine* colored infants,—in all one hundred and nine.

Three Churches have been consecrated, viz: St. Alban's, Warren County; St. John's, Aberdeen, and "St. Cyprian's Chapel," Chickasaw County. Five others will soon ask to be set apart in like manner to the service of God.

Two new parishes have been organized, viz: The Church of "St. Barnabas," Warrenton, and the "Church of the Redemption," Hinds County.

Our list of Candidates for Orders, numbers only *four*, viz: Henry Canova Harris, Wm. H. Phillips, John Charles Adams, M. D., and Joseph Lyons.

*Two* only have been admitted to Orders, viz: the Rev. Benjamin R. Smyser, (now Rev. B. R. S. Bemon,) to the Priesthood, and Mr. Wm. F. Adams to the Diaconate.

*Four* Presbyters have taken "Letters Dimissory" to other Dioceses, viz: Rev. Wm. G. H. Jones to Maryland; Rev. Dr. Reighley to Michigan; Rev. Robert D. Shindler to Tennessee; and Rev. Wm. C. Stout to Arkansas.

The following have been added to our Clerical list since the last Convention, viz: Rev. Edward Fontaine from the Diocese of Texas; Rev. Wm. B. Lacey, D. D., from Louisiana; Rev. Willard Presbury from Kentucky; Rev. J. Avery Shepherd from Alabama; and the Rev. Joseph Spencer, D. D., from Maryland.

The Rev. Messrs. Stewart and Weller, on finishing their course at Nashotah, were, at my request, there admitted to the Diaconate by the Bishop of Wisconsin, and are now on our list of Clergy. The Rev. Wm. F. Adams was received from Tennessee while yet a Candidate for Orders; and ordained immediately on his arrival.

This addition of *eight* to our list of Clergy, after deducting the four who have just left us, makes our present number *thirty-five*.

But few changes have taken place in the positions and employments of our Clergy. Rev. Mr. Bemond has accepted a call to Helena, Arkansas: but has not yet taken Letters Dimissory. Rev. Mr. Boyd has for some months been laboring in Bloomington, Illinois. Rev. Mr. Darnus has withdrawn his services from "Hurricane," and now divides his time between "Diamond Place," and the newly-formed Parish of "St. Barnabas." Rev. Mr. Hayden is in some one of the North-Western Dioceses. Rev. Dr. Lacey is in charge of "Rose-Gates Female College," Okolona, and performs such Missionary services in the circumjacent country as opportunity will allow. Rev. Mr. Matthews has resigned the "Church of the Ascension" Hernando, and, as I learn indirectly, has removed to Memphis. Rev. Mr. Ozanne has taken charge of St. Luke's Parish, Shieldsborough. Rev. J. Avery Shepherd is associated with the Rev. Dr. Savage in the Rectorship of Trinity Female School, Pass Christian. Rev. Joseph Spencer, D. D., has established in Jackson a select school for boys; and gives such services as they require to the congregations at Terry and Osyka. Rev. Mr. Stewart resides at Enterprize, and ministers to that place and several others above and below it on the "Mobile and Ohio Railroad." Rev. Mr. Weller has in charge the Church in Hernando, and in Panola, and at the intervening stations.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers of the Diocese of Tennessee, who has for some time had charge of St. John's Church, Early Grove, has just resigned it.

To these statistical notices I feel bound to add a few words in relation to our Diocesan Schools.

Of "St. Thomas' Hall," the oldest on the list, I am much gratified in being able to state that it is looking up cheerfully and hopefully from its late ruinous condition. Its present Rector has been indefatigable in his attempts to place it in a prosperous and commanding position, and has, in good part, effected his object. A recent personal inspection enables me to state that the buildings have been thoroughly repaired,

the grounds well enclosed and tastefully improved, and more than forty pupils gathered within its walls. Two able Instructors are giving to them their entire attention, and nothing seems wanting to its full success but a well-qualified Head or President, who will reside in the buildings, and receive a number of pupils as boarders.

"Wilson Hall" at Early Grove, though not yet adopted by our Convention, was designed by its founders for a Diocesan School. This will appear from the Deed of Donation,—a copy of which I herewith lay upon your table,—together with a request from the Trustees that you will be pleased to adopt it as a child of the Diocese, and take measures to obtain for it an act of incorporation. The property conveyed by the Donors is of considerable value, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres of fertile land, on which stands a good-sized Church, of Gothic pattern, a commodious Rectory, and a large Academy of two stories,—all of brick and well-constructed.

Of "Trinity School," Pass Christian, I need say no more than that it continues to meet the favor which it has long merited, and promises even to add to its well-deserved reputation. Since we have assembled information has reached me that Dr. Savage has revoked his intention of resigning the School to other hands, and has determined to take it under his entire control, and use all his efforts to make it a "Select Home School."

I have already stated that Col. Charles Gates, residing near Okolona, had purchased and generously offered to convey to the Episcopal Authority of the Diocese for a Female Church School, the large building partially erected in that place by the Rev. Mr. Lawson. That generous purpose has been carried out,—the building has since been nearly completed:—a Board of Trustees, (with the Bishop of the Diocese as President) has been organized. A suitable Constitution, with By-Laws, has been prepared,—the Rev. Dr. Lacey has been placed at its head,—and an act of incorporation sought for it under the title of "Rose Gates Female College." A copy of these several documents will be laid before you, not for the purpose of requesting that you will take the Institution under the control of the Convention, but to enlist your good wishes and beneficence in its behalf. Its position in a part of the Diocese where the Church is but little known, and where much wealth is extracted from the soil, is of itself enough to interest us in its behalf. But if there be joined to this, the liberality of the founder and

of those who have assisted him in the work, the high character of the Trustees for intelligence and worth, and the long and well-known success of Dr. Lacey in the task of instruction,—nothing further will be wanting to convince you of the importance of this work, and to commend it to your liberality.

Of the "University of the South," I will here say no more than that Divine Providence seems so far to look favorably on every step of our undertaking. Nearly \$600,000 has been placed on our subscription list: an admirable Constitution with suitable statutes has been adopted and thrown before the public; the grounds have been tastefully laid out; and it is expected that the corner stone of our Institution will be laid during the ensuing summer. When application shall be made for aid in this Diocese, I trust that its friends will be many and liberal.

A part of your duty on the present occasion will be to appoint Trustees and a Treasurer for the University, on the part of this Diocese.

In my several visitations, I see in almost every quarter the need of a Church Col-porteur. An undertaking of that kind could at this time be conducted with more convenience and efficiency than formerly, owing to the increase of our railroad lines, and the existence of the Book-Depository now in Jackson. If the system of Col-porteurism has proved a powerful agency in the hands of the sects, how much more powerful for good and for truth's sake could it be made as an instrument for diffusing the Apostolic and conservative teachings of the Church.

There is but one other subject to which I desire to call your attention, viz: the Church Paper recently established in Raleigh, North Carolina, under the title of "*The Church Intelligencer*." That its teachings will be of the soundest kind I feel assured. That such a Periodical is much needed in the South is not to be questioned. And when considered as the able Advocate and Expositor of our incipient University, and the intended Organ of Communication between our Southern and South-Western Bishops and their Dioceses, it will need no words of mine to commend it to the general favor and patronage of the Diocese.

If there be any other subject which would justify me in detaining you a few moments longer, it would be an earnest appeal to my Brethren of the Laity to give themselves, with increased devotedness,

to the work of the Lord, committed, as that work assuredly is, to *their* hands as well as to those of the Clergy. What we most need at this time in the Diocese, is a hearty co-operation or *combination of effort and prayer on the part of the Laity with the Clergy*. Without that hearty working together our labor will be comparatively fruitless. So plainly has this come to be seen throughout our whole Church as to attract the attention and call forth the action of our late General Convention. A Committee, consisting of one Layman from each Diocese, was there appointed for the purpose of promoting that object, by means of consultation and correspondence among themselves, and of then laying the result before the whole Church. Their Report has not yet been published. It is looked for with much anxiety through all our borders. In that good work, as in all others which came before him, our departed brother was deeply interested. God grant that the mantle of his good doing and never-wearying spirit may descend on many whom he has left behind!

With this and all other rightful prayers for your spiritual profiting and usefulness in the Church, I commend you, one and all, beloved brethren, to Him by whom alone each member, as well as the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified. W. M. GREEN.



# Parochial Reports.

## TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHEZ.

The Rector of Trinity Church, Natchez, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of.....	163
Baptisms—Adults, White.....	12
“ “ Colored.....	11
“ Children, White.....	52
“ “ Colored.....	17
Confirmations—White.....	22
“ Colored.....	17
Communicants—Former number.....	188
“ Added.....	43
“ Died.....	4
“ Removed.....	2
“ Present number, White.....	225
Marriages—White.....	7
Funerals.....	14
Sunday School Teachers.....	6
“ “ Scholars.....	30

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—Church collections.....	\$ 459 75
“ “ “ From individuals.....	260 00
“ Domestic Missions.....	226 00
“ Foreign Missions.....	116 60
“ Communion Alms, \$469 90, and Mission Boxes \$30 10	500 00
“ Bishop's Salary.....	500 00
“ Contingent Expenses of Diocesan Convention.....	40 00
“ Students at Nashotah, per Rev. Dr. Perry.....	257 50
“ Nashotah Theological Seminary.....	100 00
“ Bishop Payne, (African Mission).....	150 00
“ Church at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.....	156 00
“ St. Thomas' Hall, at Holly Springs, Mississippi, (about)	500 00
“ Church at Port Gibson, Mississippi.....	100 00
“ Church at Pontotoc, Mississippi.....	25 00
“ Church at Corinth, Mississippi.....	30 00
“ Church at Fairfield, Iowa.....	50 00
“ Church at Onarga, Illinois.....	60 00
“ Prot. Episcopal Church in Switzerland.....	75 20
“ Sunday Schools Books.....	15 00
“ Rectory Repairs.....	200 00
“ Church Incidental Expenses.....	520 00

Total..... \$ 4,340 8

The Church at Natchez has cause to acknowledge God's godness in prospering the various interests of the whole Parish, with earnest prayers for the same steady and satisfactory advancement in every "good word and work."

The manifest regard of his people contributes greatly to the Rector's gratification, and support in the performance of duty as an officer for Christ.

Among general and individual acts of kindness to him from Parishioners, is a young Churchman's gift to the amount of nearly eight hundred dollars. Others, (ladies and gentlemen of the Parish,) have also made repeated expressions of generosity that merit an acknowledgment. The hope that many not in Communion with the Church, but residents of Trinity Parish, might become identified with Episcopal interests, has, to a great extent, been realized, and much pleasure is experienced at being able to report the strength of the Congregation, the largely increasing earnestness and regularity upon occasions of administering the Sacraments, and celebration of Divine Service.

*"The blessing of the Lord maketh rich, and addeth no sorrow with it."*

GIDEON B. PERRY, Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG.

To the Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, Bishop of the Diocese, the Rector of Christ Church, Vicksburg, reports :

Families—number of, .....	83	
Baptisms, .....	37	(2 adults.
Communicants (removed 2) .....	138	
Confirmations, .....	8	
Marriages, .....	7	
Funerals, .....	17	
Sunday School Teachers, .....	13	
Scholars, .....	95	108
Col'd Sunday School 50 Scholars ; 5 Teachers.		
Diocesan Missions, .....	\$221 15	
Mission in Wisconsin, .....	40 00	
Mission in Iowa, .....	32 60	
Domestic Missions, .....	83 00	
Foreign Missions, .....	80 00	
Communion Alms, .....	120 05	
Incidental Expenses—Church Collections, .....	433 19	
Insurance, .....	90 00	
Sunday School, .....	79 35	
Bishop's salary, .....	400 00	
Contingent expenses of the Diocesan Convention, ..	30 00	1032 54

Total, ..... \$1609 34

W. W. LORD, Rector.

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, at Jackson, Hinds County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of,.....	81
Baptisms—Adults, white,.....	3
“ “ colored,.....	0
“ Children, white,.....	19
Colored, .....	0
Confirmations—white, .....	23
“ color'd. ....	1
Communicants—Former number, white,.....	98
“ color'd. ....	7
“ Added, .....	23
“ Died, .....	1
“ Removed, .....	14
“ Present number, white,.....	112
“ color'd,.....	1
Marriages—white,.....	4
“ color'd,.....	0
Funerals, .. .. .	15
Sunday School Teachers, .. .. .	11
“ Scholars, .. .. .	74

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Diocesan Missions,.....	\$ 50 00
Domestic Missions, .. .. .	25 00
Foreign Missions, .. .. .	25 00
Communion Alms, .. .. .	180 95
Bishop's Salary, .. .. .	300 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, . . .	30 00
Assistance of Feeble Churches, . . . . .	175 00
Parish purposes, . . . . .	171 83
Other purposes, as follows :	
Annual Premium for Insurance on Rector's life, . . .	227 00
Purchasing a Rectory, and furnishing it completely, . .	7000 00

Total Contributions, . . . 8184 78

JACKSON, April 25, 1860.

WM. C. CRANE, Rector.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Parish, Jackson, cannot omit to record his deep and grateful sense of the loving bounty of his noble parishioners, in providing for him and those who may come after him, a beautiful and commodious Rectory, furnished throughout in the most complete manner, and having its store room filled with abundant supplies.

He also appends the proceedings of the vestry on the occasion of the death of GEORGE S. YERGER :

At a special meeting of the Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, Mississippi, held on the morning of Monday, April 23rd, 1860, the

Rector, the Rev. W. Croes Crane, presiding, and John Duncan acting as Secretary, the following preamble and resolutions were presented and adopted, and upon motion, ordered to be entered upon the minutes of the parish :

**WHEREAS**, It has pleased Almighty God in His wise but inscrutable Providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased brother, **GEORGE S. YERGER**, for many years a member of this body, and at the time of his death, the Senior Warden of the Parish :—Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we desire to bow in humble submission to this most afflictive dispensation, by which we have personally lost one of the best and truest of friends, society one of its brightest ornaments, and the Church one of its strongest earthly supports.

*Resolved*, That we render our humble and hearty thanks to the Father of all mercies, for having cast the lot of our beloved departed brother in our midst ; for having granted to us the benefit of such a rare example of goodness, and the fruits of his invaluable labors.

*Resolved*, That we will ever cherish with fond and reverent affection, the blessed memory of this holy and useful man ; and with the help of God, will redouble our efforts in the cause of Christ and His Church, to which his life was given.

*Resolved*, That deeply sympathizing with his bereaved family in this overwhelming affliction, we desire to convey to them the assurance of our participation in their sorrow, and commend them to the care and love of our Faithful Creator and Compassionate Redeemer.

*Resolved*, That the Church he so much loved, in which he was a constant worshipper, which is indebted so largely for its erection and prosperity, to his devoted zeal, be draped in mourning until Whit-Sunday, and that we will wear the badge of mourning for the same period.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, COLUMBUS.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, at Columbus, Lowndes County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,			31
Baptisms—Adults, white,	5	}	58
“ colored,	0		
“ Children, white,	4		
“ colored,	49		
Confirmations—white,			10
Communicants—Former number, white,	54	}	57
“ colored,	3		
“ Added,			18
“ Died,	3	}	8
“ Removed,	5		
“ Present number, white,	72	}	73
“ colored,	1		
Marriages — white,	3		3
“ colored,	0		
Funerals,			5

Sunday School Teachers, . . . . .	7}	38
"    Scholars, . . . . .	31}	
Colored Sunday School, 7 Teachers; 54 Scholars, . . . . .		61
CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.		
For Diocesan Missions—First Collection, . . . . .	\$25}	\$51 00
Second " . . . . .	26}	
Domestic Missions, . . . . .		20 00
Communion Alms, . . . . .		147 00
Bishop's Salary, . . . . .		60 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, . . . . .		15 00
Other purposes, as follows: balance of debt on Church, . . . . .		\$2705 10
Prayer Books, Tracts, and Sunday-School Books, &c. &c., . . . . .		60 00
Incidental Expenses of Church, . . . . .		50 00
Total Contributions, . . . . .		\$3108 10
JAMES D. GIBSON, Rector.		

## CHRIST CHURCH, CHURCH HILL.

The Rector of Christ Church, Church Hill, Jefferson county, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, about . . . . .		35
Baptisms—Adults, White . . . . .	1}	27
"    Children, White . . . . .	7}	
"    Colored . . . . .	19}	
Confirmation—(two in Trinity Church, Natchez). . . . .		6
Communicants—Former Number of Whites . . . . .	51}	57
"    Colored . . . . .	6}	
"    Removed . . . . .		3
"    Died (two colored). . . . .		4
Present Number Whites . . . . .	55}	59
"    Colored . . . . .	4}	
Marriages . . . . .		5
Funerals . . . . .		8

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan Missions . . . . .	\$ 120 00
Domestic Missions . . . . .	35 00
Foreign Missions, (Africa). . . . .	82 50
Communion Alms, (about). . . . .	55 00
Bishop's Salary . . . . .	260 00
Other purposes—in aid of Church Buildings, &c., about . . . . .	250 00

Total . . . . . \$ 802 50

Add . . . . . 150 00

\$ 952 50

B. M. MILLER, Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH, HOLLY SPRINGS.

The Rector of Christ Church, at Holly Springs, Marshall county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of.....	38
Baptisms—Adults, White.....	3}
“ Children, White.....	11}
“ “ Colored.....	5}
Confirmations—White.....	7
Communicants—Former number, White.....	50}
“ “ “ Colored.....	1}
“ Added.....	7
“ Died.....	1
“ Removed.....	1
“ Present number, White.....	58}
“ “ Colored.....	1}
Marriages—White.....	1
Funerals—White.....	5}
“ Colored.....	3}
Sunday School Teachers.....	8}
“ “ Scholars.....	42}

CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Domestic Missions.....	\$ 18 00
“ Communion Alms.....	30 00
Other purposes as follows—Remaining debt on Church.....	245 00
Paid on last note on Rectory.....	700 00
Church purposes.....	50 00

Total.....\$1,005 00

The Church is wholly out of debt and but \$115 00 is due on the Rectory.  
J. H. INGRAHAM, Rector.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WOODVILLE.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, at Woodville, Wilkinson county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of.....	33
Baptisms—Children, White.....	1}
“ “ Colored.....	1}
Confirmations—White.....	7
Communicants—Former number, White.....	31}
“ Added.....	9}
“ Present number, White.....	40}
Funerals.. .. .	2
Sunday School Teachers.. .. .	5}
“ “ Scholars.. .. .	26}

CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First and only Collection.....	\$ 19 35
“ Communion Alms, one collection.. .. .	8 10

For Bishop's Salary..	..	..	..	..	100 00
" Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention	..	..	..	..	15 00

Total.. .. \$ 142 45

The above report dates from January 8th, 1860, at which time the present Rector took charge. The Church had been without a Rector for eighteen months. W. F. ADAMS, Rector.

#### GRACE CHURCH, CANTON.

The Rector of Grace Church, at Canton, Madison county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of..	..	..	..	..	29
Baptisms—Children, White..	..	..	..	..	6
Confirmations—White..	..	..	..	..	6
Communicants—Former number, White	..	..	..	..	45
" Added..	..	..	..	..	12
" Died...	..	..	..	1}	6
" Removed..	..	..	..	5}	
" Present number, White.	.	.	.	.	51
Marriages—White.	.	.	.	1}	2
" Colored.	.	.	.	1}	
Funerals.	.	.	.	.	8
Sunday School Teachers.	.	.	.	8}	43
" Scholars.	.	.	.	35}	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection	\$15 35}	\$ 26 95
" " Second "	11 60}	
" Domestic Missions,	.	9 10
" Communion Alms and Semi-monthly Collections,	.	98 18
" Bishop's Salary,	.	65 00
" Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention	.	10 00
" Church Improvements,	.	275 00

Total, . \$ 484 23

HENRY SANSOM, Rector.

#### ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, BOVINA.

The Rector of St. Alban's Church, at Bovina, Warren County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of, .....	22	
Baptisms—Adults, white, . . . . .	14}	24
"    Children, white, . . . . .	10}	
Confirmations—white, . . . . .	23}	29
"    colored, . . . . .	6}	
Communicants—Former number, white, . . . . .		19
"    Added, . . . . .		29

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Communicants—Removed,		2
“ Present number, white,	41}	
“ “ colored,	5}	46
Funerals,		1
Sunday School Teachers,	4}	
“ Scholars,	13}	17

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection,	\$45 00}	
“ Second,	31 75}	\$76 75
Domestic Missions,		35 00
Communion Alms,		9 00
Bishop's Salary,		25 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,		5 00
Sunday School Books,		10 00
Improvement of Church Property,		75 00

Total Contributions, \$235 75

HENRY SANSOM, Rector.

# TRINITY CHURCH, YAZOO CITY.

The Rector of Trinity Church, Yazoo City, Yazoo County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Baptisms—Adults, white,	2}	
“ Children, white,	5}	7
Confirmations, white,		7
Communicants—Former number, white,		23
“ Added,		8
“ Died,	1}	
“ Removed,	3}	4
“ Present number, white,		27
Funerals,		7
Sunday School Teachers,	2}	
“ Scholars,	20}	22

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection,	\$5 00}	
“ Second “	25 00}	\$30 00
Foreign Missions by the S. S.		14 24
Communion Alms,		32 30
Bishop's Salary,		80 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,		20 00
Other purposes,		110 50

Total Contributions, \$287 04

J. FOSTER, Rector.



## TRINITY CHURCH, PASS CHRISTIAN.

To the Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, Bishop :—The Rector of Trinity Church Pass Christian, Harrison County, reports the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,		24
Baptisms—Adults, white,	1	19
“ Children, “	14	
“ “ colored,	4	
Confirmations—white,		1
Communicants—former number white,		47
“ Added,		5
“ Died,	1	22
“ Suspended,	1	
“ Removed,	20	
“ Present number,,		30
Marriages, colored,		4
Funerals,		9
Sunday School Teachers,	8	53
“ Scholars,	45	

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions---First Collection,	\$25 00	\$33 50
“ Second;	8 50	
Domestic Missions, .		51 20
Foreign “		50 00
Communion Alms, .		84 70
Bishop's Salary,		120 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, .		15 00
Sunday Collections, .		194 90

Total Contributions, \$ 519 30

GEO. W. SILL, Rector.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ABERDEEN.

To Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, Bishop :—The Rector of St. John's Church, Aberdeen, reports :

Baptisms, infants, .		6
Confirmations, .		2
Communicants---last reported about, .	20	29
“ Added, .	9	
“ Died, .	1	
“ Removed, .	2	3
“ Present number, .		26
Marriages, .		3
Funerals, .		1
Sunday School--Scholars, .	40	44
“ Teachers, .	4	
Contributions for parochial purposes, about, .		\$300 00

The debt, which has so long oppressed the Parish, having been entirely liquidated, our Church was consecrated by the Bishop last fall,

to the great joy of the little flock who worship in it. It is still the day of small things with us, and must be for some time to come. Yet everything promises well for the future of the Parish. Our Congregations are large and attentive. Expressions of favor have been bestowed by persons once hostile to us; and the community are beginning to appreciate and respect the position held by our Apostolic Church.

April 22nd, 1860.

J. NEWTON WATSON, Rector.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EARLY GROVE.

The late Rector of St. John's Church, Early Grove, reports the following statement from the Parish Register:

Families, number of, . . . . .		14
Baptisms—Adults, colored, . . . . .	1}	3
“ Children, white, . . . . .	2}	
Confirmations, . . . . .		1
Communicants—Present number, white, . . . . .	32}	40
“ colored, . . . . .	8}	
Marriages, . . . . .		1
For Communion Alms, . . . . .		\$60 00

The undersigned has resigned the charge of this Parish.

J. W. ROGERS, late Rector.

#### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MARSHALL COUNTY.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County, reports to the Bishop the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, . . . . .		7
Baptisms—Children, white, . . . . .	1}	4
“ colored, . . . . .	3}	
Communicants—former number, white, . . . . .	12}	33
“ colored, . . . . .	21}	
“ Added, . . . . .		2
“ Present number, white, . . . . .	14}	35
“ colored, . . . . .	21}	
Marriages—white, . . . . .	2}	6
“ colored, . . . . .	4}	
Funerals—white, . . . . .	3}	10
“ colored, . . . . .	7}	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary, . . . . .	\$50 00
Contingent Expenses of Dio. Cons. . . . .	10 00
Diocesan Missions, . . . . .	89 20
Easter Officiary, . . . . .	9 70

Total, . . . . . \$158 90

Other contributions, “for objects connected with the Church,” have been made by individuals of the congregation, not mentioned in the above statement. The Rector has also received, during the past year, many valuable presents from members of his flock.

Divine Service is held in this Church on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

WILLIAM FAGG, Rector.

## ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, KIRKWOOD.

The Rector of St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood, Madison county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of, . . . . .		6
Baptisms—Children, White, . . . . .	2½	6
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	4½	
Communicants—Former number, White, . . . . .	11½	13
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	2½	
“ Added, . . . . .		3
“ Removed, . . . . .		1
Present number, White, . . . . .	12½	15
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	3½	
Marriages—White, . . . . .		1
Funerals—White, . . . . .	3½	6
“ Colored, . . . . .	3½	
Sunday School Teachers, . . . . .	6½	36
“ “ Scholars, . . . . .	30½	

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

For Diocesan Missions, . . . . .	\$ 20 55
“ Domestic Missions, . . . . .	\$16 60½
“ “ Colored persons, . . . . .	3 4½
“ Communion Alms, . . . . .	9 60
“ Bishop's Salary, . . . . .	75 00
“ Contingent Expenses of Convention, . . . . .	10 00

Other purposes, as follows :

For St. Stephen's Mission to the Poor, Boston, Individual Contributions, . . . . .	6 00
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Total, . . . . . \$ 141 15

E. H. DOWNING, Rector.

April 27, 1860.

## EPIPHANY CHURCH, CLAIBORNE COUNTY.

The Rector of Epiphany Church, Claiborne county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of, . . . . .		8
Baptisms—Adults, White, . . . . .	3½	
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	8	
“ Children, White, . . . . .	8	32
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	13	
Confirmations—White, . . . . .	9½	14
“ Colored, . . . . .	5½	
Communicants—Former number, White, . . . . .	13½	16
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	3½	
“ Added, . . . . .		5
“ Removed, . . . . .		2
“ Present number, White, . . . . .	17½	21
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	4½	

Marriages—Colored, . . . . .	4
Funerals, . . . . .	5

CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection, . . . \$10 75	} \$ 27 00
“ “ Second Collection, Bishop's visitation, . . . 16 25	
“ Communion Alms, . . . . .	\$ 22 70
“ Bishop's Salary, . . . . .	20 00
“ Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention . . . . .	5 00

Total, . . . . . \$ 74 70

J. GIERLOW, Rector.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PORT GIBSON.

The Minister officiating at Port Gibson, Claiborne county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of, . . . . .	11
Baptisms—Adults, Colored, . . . . . 6	} 12
“ Children, White, . . . . . 4	
“ “ Colored, . . . . . 2	} 11
Confirmations—White, . . . . . 3	
“ Colored, . . . . . 8	} 19
Communicants—Present number, White, . . . . .	

CONTRIBUTIENS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—Bishop's visitation . . . . .	\$16 50
“ Bishop's Salary, . . . . .	20 00

Total, . . . . . \$36 50

The undersigned commenced the ministrations of the Church in this Parish on the 11th of May, 1859, since which time he has officiated sixteen times. The congregation, having been destitute of Church service for several years, was, as a matter of course, greatly reduced in number, occasioned by the removal of some families, and the withdrawal of others, formerly belonging to it. But new accessions have been made from abroad, and God seems to be pouring out upon us the dew of His blessing. The Church has been duly re-organized on a firm basis, and a Vestry elected. We have what are generally regarded as the surest tokens of the presence of the Holy Spirit—large and attentive congregations. By the courtesy of the Odd-Fellows, we are holding our services in their commodious hall, until God shall give us a House of His own—a blessing which we are in a fair way of realizing before long, \$5,000 having already been subscribed for that purpose. For these indications of Divine favor, we humbly bless our Gracious Head of the Church, “without Whom nothing is strong—nothing is holy.”

J. GIERLOW, Minister Officiating.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GRAND GULF.

The undersigned reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement respecting the Church in Grand Gulf.

Families, number of, . . . . .	4
Baptisms—Children, white, . . . . .	3
Communicants—Present number, white, . . . . .	4

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions, . . . . .	\$35 50
Bishop's Salary, . . . . .	5 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, 10 00	

Total Contributions, . . . . . \$48 50

I commenced occasional ministrations in Grand Gulf on the 16th of October, 1859, previous to which time the Parish had been destitute of Church-service for several years. The congregation has been sadly diminished by reason of the death and removal of the greater portion of the members formerly belonging to it. While these and other circumstances have tended to weaken the Parish, it has pleased God to keep alive the zeal and devotion of the few Church-people still remaining.

J. GIERLOW, Missionary.

## ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, CLINTON.

The Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Clinton, Hinds County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of, . . . . .	11
Baptisms, Children, white, . . . . .	4}
“ colored, . . . . .	1}
Communicants—Former number, white, . . . . .	17
“ Added, . . . . .	4
“ Removed, . . . . .	1
Present number, white, . . . . .	20
Sunday-School Teachers, . . . . .	2}
“ Scholars, . . . . .	10}

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection, . . . . .	\$10 85}	\$14 00
“ Second “ . . . . .	3 15}	
For Domestic Missions, . . . . .		10 45
Communion Alms, . . . . .		19 35
For Bishop's Salary, . . . . .		20 00
“ Contingent Expenses of Diocesan Convention, . . . . .		5 00
“ Other purposes, . . . . .		70 00

Total, . . . . . \$138 80

F. ELWELL, Rector.

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, BRANDON.

The Rector of St. Luke's Church, Brandon, Rankin County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of, . . . . .	5
Baptisms—Children, white, . . . . .	4
Communicants—Former number, white, . . . . .	6
“ Added, . . . . .	1
“ Present number, white, . . . . .	7
Marriages—colored, . . . . .	1
Funerals, . . . . .	1

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection, . . . \$6 00}	\$8 25
“ Second “ . . . 2 25}	
For Domestic Missions, . . . . .	9 65
“ Communion Alms, . . . . .	11 65
“ Bishop's Salary, . . . . .	15 00
“ Contingent Expenses of Diocesan Convention, . . . . .	5 00
“ Prayer-Books and Sundries, for Vestry, . . . . .	12 00

Total, . . . \$61 55

F. ELWELL, Rector.

## CALVARY CHURCH, HOLMES COUNTY.

The Rector of Calvary Church, Holmes County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of, . . . . .	10
Baptisms—Children, white, . . . . . 2}	18
“ colored, . . . . . 16}	
Communicants—Former number, white, . . . . .	18
“ Present number, “ . . . . .	18
Marriages—white, . . . . .	1

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection, . . . \$6 00}	\$62 50
“ Second “ . . . 6 00}	
“ From Individual Contrib. 50 50}	
Domestic Missions, . . . . .	\$23 00
Communion Alms—(includes all the other items except that from “ Individual Contributors, ”) . . . . .	20 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, . . . . .	5 00
Other purposes, as follows : for Nashotah, . . . . .	25 00

Total Contributions, . . . \$135 50

B. HALSTED, Rector and Missionary.

Calvary Parsonage, April 23, 1860.

At Black-Hawk and Carrollton, each, I have officiated five times, beside assisting the Bishop in Divine Service, at his visitation of the latter place.

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

The Rector of St. Peter's Church, at Oxford, La Fayette County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of, . . . . .		14
Baptisms—Adults, white, . . . . .	2}	3
“ Children, white, . . . . .	1}	
Confirmations, white, . . . . .		9
Communicants—Former number, white, . . . . .		20
“ Added, . . . . .		4
“ Died, . . . . .	0}	6
“ Removed, . . . . .	6}	
“ Present number, white, . . . . .		18
Funerals, . . . . .		1

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary, . . . . .	\$130 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, . . . . .	5 00

Total Contributions, . . . . . \$135 00

It gives me great satisfaction to state that the Church Edifice which has been in progress of construction for more than a year past in this Parish, is now so far completed as to have been opened for public worship. The first service celebrated in this beautiful little building, was held on Easter-Sunday, and was deeply interesting to all present. The completion of this structure has infused into every member of the Parish new zeal in the cause of the Church; and it marks the commencement of what will probably prove to be an era of prosperity hitherto unknown.

It is very gratifying to be able to state that, hereafter, the services of the Church will be accessible every Sunday to the numerous students of our growing University; so, that lasting impressions may here be made upon many minds, which will hereafter take a leading part in the affairs of the State, both civil and religious. This circumstance imparts a special interest to the event here recorded.

F. A. P. BARNARD, Rector.

## GRACE CHURCH, OKOLONA.

To the Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, the Rector of Grace Church, Okolona, reports from the Parish Register :

Families, . . . . .		18
Baptisms—Adults, white, . . . . .	5}	
“ colored, . . . . .	13}	26
“ Infants, white, . . . . .	7}	
“ colored, . . . . .	1}	
Confirmations—white . . . . .	7}	20
“ Colored . . . . .	13}	

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Communicants—Removed, white,	3	
“ colored,	6	
“ Died, white,	1	
“ Added, “	13	
“ colored,	13	
“ Present number, white,	29	
“ “ colored,	29	58
Marriages—white,		2
Burials,		2
Sunday School Teachers,	5	
“ Scholars,	30	35

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

St. Cyprian's Chapel,	\$1500 00	
Parochial and Sunday School,	195 60	
Bishop's Salary,	10 00	\$ 1719 58
Diocesan Convention,	5 00	
Diocesan Missions,	8 98	

ROBERT F. CLUTE, Rector.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PONTOTOC.

To the Rt. Rev. W. M. Green :—The Rector of St. John's Church, Pontotoc, reports from the Parish Register :

Families, number of,		11
Baptisms—Adults, white,	2	
“ Infants, “	1	3
Communicants—Died, white,	1	
“ Removed, “	3	4
“ Added,	2	
“ Present number,		16
Sunday School Teachers,	5	
“ “ Scholars,	35	40

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

Bishop's Salary,	\$10 00
Convention Fund,	5 15
Sunday School,	19 75
Dio. Missionary Society,	3 15

Total, \$37 90

This Parish needs a resident Rector.

ROBERT F. CLUTE, Rector.

## ASCENSION CHURCH, HERNANDO.

The Rector of Ascension Church, Hernando, DeSoto county, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	10
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Baptisms—Adults, White, . . . . .	3}	
“ Children, White, . . . . .	2}	6
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	1}	
Communicants—Former number, White, . . . . .		19
“ Removed, . . . . .		5
“ Present number, White, . . . . .		14
Sunday School Teachers, . . . . .	7}	38
“ Scholars, . . . . .	31}	

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary, . . . . .	\$10 00
Contingent Expenses of Dio. Con., . . . . .	5 00
Repairs to Church, &c., . . . . .	100 00
Total, . . . . .	\$115 00

This Report dates from November 11th, when the undersigned accepted the charge of this Parish. I could not find any register; and the report is made from the present Parish register, composed of a list of families and communicants known to be connected with the Church. The condition of this Parish is not very encouraging, as there are very strong prejudices against the Church, among those who do not choose to learn anything of her pure and holy teachings. As due however to the members of the congregation, I most cheerfully state that the Church building has been purchased,—all necessary repairs have been made; a set of Communion Service has been provided; a Melodeon having previously been presented for the use of the choir, and the Parish is entirely free from debt. The Sunday School which had become extinct, has been revived, and now seems to be in a prosperous condition. I officiate in this Parish two Sundays of each month. Besides this Church, I have labored as Missionary at Senatobia, Como, Sardis, and Panola. At Panola, particularly, the prospects of the Church are very encouraging; and, the friends of the cause expect soon to commence a Church-building. Last February, I visited and held service in St. John's Parish, DeSoto County, now in consequence of removals, &c., consisting of only two Church families. As Missionary, I have baptized 14 children—1 white and 13 colored, united one couple in marriage, buried one communicant with the Church Service. Several in the Parish of the Ascension,—as also at some of my other appointments, are awaiting the visit of the Bishop that they may consecrate themselves to the Service of God, in the Apostolic rite of Laying on of Hands.

M. LEANDER WELLER, Missionary.

## ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL, ANNADALE.

The Rector of St. John's Chapel, at Annadale, Yazoo county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of..... 1

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Baptisms—Children, Colored.....	3
Confirmations—White.....	2
Communicants—Former number, white.....	4}
“ “ colored.....	12}
“ Added.....	2
“ Present number, White.....	6}
“ “ Colored.....	12}
Marriages—White.....	1
Funerals.....	1
Sunday School Teachers.....	4}
“ “ Scholars.....	30}

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—From individuals.....	\$ 25 00
“ “ “ From other sources.....	2 50
“ Domestic Missions.....	2 50
“ Foreign Missions.....	2 50
“ Bishop's Salary.....	20 00
“ Contingent Expenses of Diocesan Convention.....	5 00

Total..... \$ 57 50

JOHN FOSTER, Rector.

## CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, BILOXI.

The Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi, Harrison county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of, (a few of which belong nominally only,).....	33
Baptisms—Children, White.....	13}
“ “ Colored.....	1}
Communicants—Present number, White.....	17
Marriages—White.....	5
Funerals.....	4
Sunday School Teachers, (males 2 ; females 7,).....	9}
“ “ Scholars, (all residents of Biloxi,)....	50}

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 5 00
“ Domestic Missions.....	5 80
“ Bishop's Salary.....	10 00
“ Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention.....	5 00
Other purposes as follows—Rent for place of worship until June, 1860.....	60 00
Newspapers for Sunday School.....	16 00

Total.....\$ 101 80

I am happy to be able to say that the Church is attended (though not as regularly as one would wish,) by a steady and intelligent class

of people, having at heart our success and prosperity. I believe that the blessing of God has been manifested in many souls. Of late, more interest and energy has been displayed by the members than I had witnessed previously. Some persons, not of the Church, have expressed a desire to have an occasional service in French, and I will comply with their wish, as soon as I can make the necessary arrangements with my Vestry.

We count 33 families or parts of families, with whom we are ecclesiastically connected. I do not include summer visitors, who, with their children, add to our numbers, for three or four months in the year.

Our people are far from being wealthy; but they are always ready to do what they can for the Church, which, we trust, has now a firm footing in this place.

We want a Josias Barnabas to give us land, and a Centurian to build on it a Church, a place of our own to worship in. This would greatly contribute to our spiritual welfare.

Thanking our Divine Master for the many tokens of His favoring presence, and praying for a continuation of the same,

I remain, Right Reverend and Dear Sir,

Yours, Faithfully,

C. H. WILLIAMSON, Rector.

BILOXI, 24, 1860.

#### ST. MARK'S CHURCH, MISSISSIPPI CITY.

The Rector of St. Mark's Church, at Mississippi City, Harrison county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families—number of, ..... 11  
Communicants—Present number, white..... 7

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 6 40
“ Domestic Missions.....	9 80
“ Bishop's Salary.....	10 00
“ Contingent expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....	5 00
Other purposes, as follows :—Building a Church, about.....	2,000 00

Total Contributions, about.... \$2027,20

During last summer, the services of the Church, held in the Court-House, were better and better attended until the approach of the business season scattered the people in every direction. The Vestry nobly undertook to crown Rev. Dr. Savage's untiring efforts by erecting a building to be set apart for the worship of Almighty God; and they have, through their zealous and generous conduct, succeeded in their enterprise. A neat edifice, ready for consecration, whenever the Bishop is able to pay us a visit, stands now as a memorial of the work of faith and love of the first Rector (Dr. Savage,) of St. Mark's.

This season, we look for good congregations, a goodly number of Sunday Scholars, and, above all, the blessing of Heaven.

None can tell how soon this may become a very important Parish. When the Ship Island Railroad shall have been constructed, the place will be thickly settled by permanent residents.

Yours, Respectfully,

C. H. WILLIAMSON, Pastor.

#### ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SHIELDSBOROUGH.

The Rector of St. Luke's Church, at Shieldsborough, Hancock county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of, ..... 19  
Present number of Communicants ..... 7

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

To purchasing a Church lot.....	\$ 800 00
Building Church and Rectory.....	900 00
Bishop's Salary.....	10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention.....	5 00
Other expenses.....	57 00

Total.....\$1,781 00

The above report embraces a period of two months, during part of which time the Rev. B. R. S. Bemond was the officiating Minister. For at least a year previous to his coming—the services of the Church were entirely suspended. This accounts for the imperfect report now presented. With the hearty co-operation and efficient aid of the Rev. Dr. Savage, of Pass Christian, and by means of contributions both within and without the Parish, we have succeeded in purchasing a beautiful lot, 137 feet front, on the Bay St. Louis, and 1½ mile deep, for \$2,400. We have also received a donation of material amply sufficient to put up a Rectory and outbuildings, together with about \$450 00 towards building a Church on said lot. This field is an interesting and important one. It is the oldest settlement on the Gulf Coast of our State, and has been the last taken up by the Church. Its population numbers about 1200 persons in winter, while in summer it is materially increased. We must find Church accommodation not only for our resident members, but for our summer visitors ; and this involves outlays which, unassisted, we cannot make.

We rely upon the liberality of all who are interested in the prosperity of the Church to aid us in our work until our buildings are completed.

THOS. D. OZANNE, Rector.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, SUMMIT, PIKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following from the Register of the Parish :

Number of Parishioners..... 9

Baptisms—Infants, white.....	4}	6
“ “ colored.....	2}	
Number of Communicants.....		7
“ “ Died.....		1
“ “ Removed.....		1
“ “ Added.....		1
“ “ Present number.....		6
“ “ Funerals.....		1
Communion Alms.....		\$14 85

On the 19th June last I held Divine Service in Summit for the first time. Being very much encouraged by the large attendance on the occasion, I was induced to return on the 3d July following, to organize a Parish. At the close of service I gave notice of a meeting to be held for the purpose at the residence of one of the friends of the Church, and invited all those favorable to the Church to attend. Seven gentlemen met, and after signing the prescribed articles of organization, proceeded to elect of their number, two Wardens and four Vestrymen.

A liberal friend has promised us a suitable lot, together with the lumber necessary to build a Church. Regular monthly services have been held up to the present time, and all now needed, is a sum sufficient to enable us to erect the Church, (part of which has already been subscribed,) and in due time a Rectory.

I here take occasion to mention that the same friend has, in addition to the lot and lumber given to the Church at Summit, generously promised another site for Church purposes at Crystal Springs.

THOS. D. OZANNE, Rector.

#### ST. MARK'S CHURCH, RAYMOND.

The present Rector of this Parish having accepted a call to it in March; and having entered upon the discharge of his duties so recently, is unable to make any other than an informal report of its condition. He gives his services, at present, only two Sundays in each month to St. Mark's Church, and devotes the rest of his time to the neighborhood in which he lives, now embraced within the newly organized Parish of the "Church of the Redemption," 18 miles distant from Raymond.

The Parish Register was consumed in a fire which burned a part of the town, as reported by the former Rector to the last Convention; and he found no other to which he could refer to aid him in this report:

Families.....	12
Communicants, (all white,).....	19
Communion Alms, (one Communion,).....	\$ 8 53
Sunday Collections.....	22 00
Bishop's Salary.....	40 00
Contributed by individuals to Diocesan Missions.....	20 00
To finish the Church the ladies of the Congregation have placed in the hands of the Vestry.....	500 85

Total Contributions..... \$591 38

Our worship is well attended, and the condition of the Parish is encouraging to the Rector.

EWD. FONTAINE, Rector.

CHURCH OF THE REDEMPTION, HINDS COUNTY.

This Parish was organized the Sunday before Easter. The congregation worship in a School-House belonging to a gentleman who very courteously permits them to use it. The point where they expect to build a Church is situated 12 miles North-West from Jackson, 10 miles North-East from Clinton, and 9 miles South-West from Livingston.

Families, number of, .....	4
Communicants—white .....	5
Baptisms—Infants, colored .....	12

No collections for any object have yet been made. The communion has not been administered; and with the exception of the above mentioned Baptisms, no ministerial acts have been performed since its organization.

EWD. FONTAINE, Rector.

ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH, WARRENTON,

(Including *Diamond Place and Mrs. Freeland's Plantations.*)

The Rector of St. Barnabas' Church, Warrenton, Warren county, reports the following Statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of, .....	4
Baptisms—Adults, White .....	2
“ “ Colored .....	2
“ Children Colored .....	10
Confirmations—White .....	2
“ Colored .....	3
Communicants—Former number White .....	8
“ “ Colored .....	82
“ Added .....	6
“ Removed .....	15
“ Present number, White .....	8
“ “ Colored .....	73
Marriages—Colored .....	4
Funerals—Colored .....	5

CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions .....	\$ 6 15
“ Nashotah .....	39 15

Total .....

\$ 45 30

At the request of some of the citizens of Warrenton, I commenced holding Divine Service at that place, on the second Sunday of January, 1860, and, since that time, I have officiated regularly there very 2d and 4th Sunday of each month. Notwithstanding the surrounding denominational influence, brought to bear against “The Church,” I am happy to state, that the attendance has been very encouraging, so much so that on the 26th day of February, in the presence of our beloved Diocesan, we met and organized a Parish, to be known by the name of *St. Barnabas' Church, Warrenton.*

Weak as the Parish is at present, yet I hope, that by a judicious course, and endeavoring to present the Church in her true character Catholic and Apostolic, the people will learn to appreciate and love her.

My Missionary Station at Hurricane I have given up, owing, in part, to its distance and inconvenience of access, and partly to the pernicious influence of five or six negro preachers, who have been allowed to counteract all my efforts at that place. This accounts for the decrease of the number of Communicants in my report.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. DAMUS, Rector.

#### CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR, OSYKA.

The Warden of the Church of the Saviour, Osyka, Mississppi, reports to the Convention the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of.....	6
Communicants—Former number.....	7
“       Added.....	9
Baptisms—Children, White.....	3
“       “       Colored.....	1
Confirmations.....	3

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Contributions for Episcopal Fund.....	\$ 10 00
“       “       Convention.....	5 00
“       Church Building.....	1,093 74
“       Church Lot.....	75 00

Total.....\$1,183 74

GEO. THOS. GILBERT, Senior Warden.

OSYKA, Miss., April 24, 1860.

#### REPORT OF THE REV. JOSEPH SPENCER, D. D.

*To the Rt. Rev. W. M. Green :—*

Although the undersigned has been a resident in the Diocese of Mississippi during most of the winter and spring, yet he has but little to report as to the clerical duty which he has performed. Besides officiating occasionally in Jackson for the Rev. Mr. Crane, he supplied the place of the Rev. Mr. Bemond, in Zion Church, at Terry, once; and once, that of the Rev. Mr. Ozanne, at Summit. He also officiated at Canton on Easter Sunday for the Rev. Dr. Sansom. On the occasion of the Bishop's visitation of the "Church of the Saviour," at Osyka, in February, he assisted in the performance of Divine Service in the morning, and preached in the afternoon. Since Mr. Bemond's resignation of Zion Church, at Terry, that Church has fallen under his missionary charge, and as missionary he has performed service in it twice, and expects to continue officiating there on the third Sunday of every month.

He reports in behalf of Zion Church, Terry :  
 Communicants..... 7  
 The Church has been completed at an expense of about.....\$1,500 00  
 JOSEPH SPENCER.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTICELLO, LAWRENCE COUNTY.

*To the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi:—*

The Senior Warden of Christ Church, at Monticello, in Lawrence county, in the absence of any Rector, in reporting the condition of this Parish, so far as relates to Church statistics proper, begs leave to refer to his report of last year, published in Journal of proceedings. There have been no ministrations here since the date of that report, except when in the latter part of August last, Rev. Wm. Croes Crane visited the Parish, very much to the gratification of the friends of the Church, and preached with accustomed services on two occasions, and baptised one adult. This visit revived us very much, and gave us new spirit to hope that we would not be long unprovided with occasional ministrations.

Since the date of the last report, two communicants have removed, who were very efficient in Church matters, and are greatly missed from among us. In their place, however, three others friendly to the Church have settled in town and vicinity, two of whom are communicants, and one having strong predilections for the Church. Those who are of the Church with us, are strong in the faith, steadfast, and devoted, though almost famishing for the bread of life.

It should have been mentioned that of the number reported last year, besides those now reported as having removed, one adult and one infant of the Church have died—in the death of the adult, the Church has sustained a great loss, on account of his firmness, efficiency and zeal.

As soon after the 1st Monday in Easter as practicable the writer convened the Board of Vestrymen, and caused a new Board to be elected for the current year—this was done that we might keep up the organization of the Church in the hope of a better day, and to enable us to escape the sorrowful reflection that the Parish had gone down.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. VANNERSON, Senior Warden.

REPORT OF REV. JAMES FOX.

Rev. James A. Fox, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese :  
 Baptisms—Children, white, . . . . . 1  
 " " colored, . . . . . 10

REPORT OF REV. WM. PARKER SCOTT.

The Rev. Wm. Parker Scott offers the following report to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi :  
 Baptisms—Adults, colored, . . . . . 4  
 " Infants, . . . . . 71  
 " " white, . . . . . 3 } 78

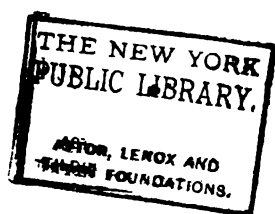


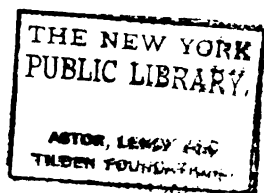
The twenty-one rooms of the Hall are not only nearly completed, but money enough to complete them is subscribed or promised. The Rector hopes in a few weeks to obtain a resident \* Rector of scholarship and talents, when a large number of pupils will be added to the present number. The efficient services of Professor Clark, and his Assistant J. R. Thompson, Esq., have done much to contribute to the present flourishing condition of "the Hall." The Institute is commended to the patronage and personal interest of all Churchmen.

Respectfully, J. H. INGRAHAM, Rector St. Thomas' Hall.

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\* Since the date of the above report this office has been filled by the acceptance of Professor Sears, who for a long series of years has done so much for the educational interests of New Orleans, as Principal of the Academic Department of the University of Louisiana.





# Constitution and Canons.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The Church in the Diocese of Mississippi acknowledges the authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

ART. II. There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese every year, at such time and place as may be fixed on by the preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church requires it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it; and, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee, on urgent reasons, may call a Special Convention. When a Special Convention is so called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in giving notice thereof, to specify the business and purposes for which it is to be assembled, and no other business shall be transacted than that which is thus specified, or necessarily connected with it.

ART. III. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, canonically resident in the Diocese for three months prior to the session of the Convention, shall be entitled to a seat in the same; and it is hereby made his duty to attend its deliberations.

Every Parish within this Diocese, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a Lay Delegate, or Lay Delegates not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Rector, a Warden, or Secretary of the Parish, shall, before the admission to seats, be laid before the Convention: *Provided*, That no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate, unless he be a stated worshipper in the Parish which he represents. The delegation from each Parish shall be entitled, on a division, to but one vote.

ART. IV. New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority vote: *Provided*, They shall have laid before the Convention written evidences, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

ART. V. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be *ex-officio*, the President of the Convention; but during a vacancy in the Episcopate, or in the absence or inability of the Bishop of the Diocese, the members shall elect a President from among the Presbyters; *Provided*, That in the absence or inability of the Bishop of the Diocese, the Convention may invite the Bishop of any other Diocese to preside over the deliberations of the Convention, who, if he accept the invitation, shall have all the powers and privileges of the President of the Convention.

ART. VI. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Annual Convention.

ART. VII. The members of the Convention present, on due notification, and consisting of not less than three Clergymen, and Lay Delegates from three Parishes, shall constitute a quorum to transact the regular business of the Convention. The Clergy and Lay Delegates shall deliberate in one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for, in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Convention.

ART. VIII. When, on account of the prevalence of any epidemic or contagious-disease, it shall be thought imprudent to hold the Convention at the place appointed, the Bishop may change it, by giving notice in some newspaper, and notifying the Ministers and Parishes.

ART. IX. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any Article, except at the annual meetings of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

## CANONS.

### CANON I.

#### OF THE ADMISSION OF CHURCHES.

SECTION 1. Whenever any number of persons shall associate to form an Episcopal Congregation, they shall adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and none shall be considered as members of such Congregation when organized, who shall not (on requisition by the Rector or Vestry) formally accede to said articles of association. The Congregation shall assume a suitable name, by which their Church or Parish shall be designated, and appoint not less than three, nor more than eleven, Vestrymen, and two Wardens. A certified copy of the Articles of Association, and of the proceedings at their adoption, shall then be laid before the Convention; and if approved by that body, Delegates from that Congregation or Parish may take seats in the Convention; and the Congregation shall be considered as united to the Convention, and subject to its control.

SEC. 2. Every Parish, so organized, shall annually, on Easter Monday, or as soon afterwards as may be, elect the same number of Vestrymen, or such number as the Vestry, at some meeting previous to the election, have designated, who shall be stated worshippers in the Church—who shall, as soon as may be after their election, assemble and appoint two Wardens, a Register and Treasurer.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Rector, agreeably to the ancient

usage of the Church, to preside in all Parish and Vestry meetings ; but, in case of his absence, one of the Wardens shall preside.

## CANON II.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall be composed of three Presbyters and two Laymen, and be elected at each Annual Convention. Any vacancy occurring in this Committee, may be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining members. They shall keep full minutes of their proceedings, which shall be laid on the table of each Annual Convention, and read therein.

## CANON III.

### OF SUSPENSION FROM THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY.

The Bishop, with the advice of the Standing Committee, shall be empowered to suspend from the functions of the Ministry, any Minister who shall be charged with improper, irreligious, or immoral conduct ; and further, this suspension shall be continued until the disposal of the charges against him by a canonical trial, unless before such trial, the Bishop and Standing Committee are satisfied, from testimony laid before them, of a thorough reformation of his life : *Provided*, That no Minister shall be suspended, until he shall have been notified, by the Bishop or Standing Committee, of the nature of the charges against him, and an opportunity given him to be heard, in relation thereto, before the Bishop or Standing Committee.

## CANON IV.

### OF THE TRIAL OF CLERGYMEN.

SECTION 1. The trial of a Clergyman of this Diocese shall be on presentment made to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, in writing, signed by the party making it ; and every presentment of a Clergyman shall be either by the Convention of the Diocese, by the Vestry and Church Wardens of the Parish to which such Clergyman may belong, or by one or more Presbyters of the Church.

SEC. 2. In all cases of presentment contemplated by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, or by those of this Diocese, a copy of the charge or charges, and specifications, together with a citation to appear and answer, shall be served upon the party accused, in the manner hereinafter provided, with all convenient speed. The charges and specifications shall be set forth with such reasonable certainty and description, as may enable the defendant to know and prepare for his defense. And upon the trial of such presentment, the rules of evidence, as understood and enforced in the judicial tribunals of the State, shall govern, except so far as they are altered or modified by the Canons of the General Convention, or by those of the Diocese.

SEC. 3. The regular place of trial, and the office for the record of all ecclesiastical proceedings shall be the house of the Bishop ; but, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall appoint the place for these purposes ; and the Bishop, by and with the concurrence of his

## CANON VI.

## OF RESIGNATION OF A PARISH.

Whenever any Minister, having charge of a Church or Parish in this Diocese, shall resign such Church or Parish, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of said Church, and, if there be no Secretary, then of the Wardens, and if there be neither Secretary nor Warden, then of the Vestry, to communicate, in writing, forthwith, to the Bishop, if there be a Bishop, and if not, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, the fact of such resignation.

## CANON VII.

## OF THE ELECTION OF BISHOPS.

In the election of a Bishop, the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately, (the Clergy individually, and the Laity by Congregations,) and the concurrence of a majority of each Order shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

## CANON VIII.

## OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention, at the session immediately preceding the regular session of each General Convention, shall elect four Clerical and four Lay Deputies to the next ensuing General Convention. And these Deputies shall retain their office, until their successors are elected.

## CANON IX.

## OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

In order to secure more effectually an accurate view of the state of the Church, it is hereby made obligatory on every Parish Minister to conform his Parochial Report to the following form, and his failure to comply therewith, shall be deemed a sufficient cause for the exclusion of such report from the pages of the Journal of the Convention.

[The form will be found at the end of the Canons.]

## CANON X.

## OF FINANCE.

SECTION 1. A Committee on Finance, consisting of five, (a majority of whom shall be Laymen,) shall be appointed at each session of the Convention, to assess the amount to be contributed by each Parish, to the support of the Episcopate, and to the contingent fund of the Convention, and to whom shall be referred all matters of a financial character.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer shall, at least on month previous to the meeting of every stated Convention, call upon each Vestry, to send the latter amount, including arrearages, if there be any, by the hands of the Delegates to the Convention.

## CANON XI.

## OF THE MODE OF ORGANIZING THE CONVENTION.

When the day appointed for the assembling of the Convention has arrived, the Bishop of the Diocese, if he be present, or, in his absence

or inability, the President of the Standing Committee, or in his absence, any Presbyter, on motion, shall take the chair, and call the Convention to order; and the Secretary of the last Convention, or, in his absence, the Secretary of the Standing Committee, or, in his absence, any clerical or lay member named by the presiding officer, shall be, *pro tem.*, Secretary of the Convention. The list of Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, furnished by the Bishop, or, in his absence, by the President of the Standing Committee, shall next be read; the credentials of Lay Delegates shall then be laid on the Secretary's table, and referred to a Committee, consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen, who shall as soon as may be, report on the same. If it shall appear that a constitutional quorum is present, the presiding officer shall declare the Convention ready for business.

#### CANON XII.

##### OF EXPENSES IN ATTENDING CONVENTION.

Every Parish shall provide for the expense of its Rector, whilst attending the Convention, and going to and from the same.

#### CANON XIII.

##### OF CONVOCATIONS.

Convocations shall be held at such times and places as, in the opinion of the Bishop, the interests of the Church require.

At each Convocation, a collection shall be taken up for Diocesan Missions.

#### CANON XIV.

##### OF TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

SECTION 1. The Convention shall annually elect three responsible Trustees, who shall hold office until the election of their successors, to take charge of and manage, under the direction of the Convention, the Episcopal fund. It shall be the duty of said Trustees to invest said fund, collect the annual interest due thereon, and pay the same, from time to time, to the Bishop. When a vacancy occurs by death, resignation, or removal from the Diocese, it shall be filled by the next Diocesan Convention—the remaining Trustees to have full power to act until the vacancy be filled.

SEC. 2. All bonds, notes, or other moneys, due on account of said fund, shall be made payable to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund for the Diocese of Mississippi, or their successors in office. All bonds or notes now payable to the Standing Committee, shall be transferred to said Trustees.

SEC. 3. Said Trustees shall loan out the principal of said fund in their hands, for such time as they deem best, taking bonds or notes for the repayment of the principal at the stipulated period, and also for the annual payment of the interest. No loan, however, shall be made by the Trustees, unless the same be secured by two responsible sureties, and by deed of trust on unencumbered property, the cash value of which shall be at least double the amount of the sum loaned. Said deed of trust shall contain a clause authorizing the Trustees to sell the



property, or so much as may be necessary, whenever there is a default in payment of either principal or interest.

SEC. 4. Said Trustees may, with the consent of the Bishop, invest part of said fund, not exceeding five thousand dollars, in the purchase of a permanent Episcopal residence. And they may, if the money is not collected in notes in their hands, borrow such sum as may be necessary and mortgage the property purchased in their name, as Trustees for the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi.

SEC. 5. Said Trustees shall report to each Convention the amount of money, notes, bonds, or other property, received by them, and from whom, the amount paid out, etc., so that an accurate account of the state of the fund may be always before the Diocese.

SEC. 6. Said Trustees may receive bonds, the principal of which may be made payable at such time as said Trustees may deem advisable : *Provided, however,* that the interest at six per cent. shall be payable annually : *Provided, further,* that when the money is paid on said bonds, the Trustees shall be bound to loan it to the person who paid it, if he should desire it. In such case, the money shall be loaned at legal interest, and shall be secured, as heretofore provided for in Section 3.

#### CANON XV.

##### OF GENERAL TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH.

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund shall be the General Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Mississippi, and as such, are authorized to receive, by will, deed, or otherwise, for the use of the Church, such property and money as may be given to it by any person or persons.

#### CANON XVI.

##### OF OFFERINGS FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Besides individual contributions for Missions or other purposes, it shall be the duty of the Rector of every Parish, to collect, twice a year, the offerings of the Parish for Diocesan Missions, to-wit : on the second Sunday of April, and the second Sunday of October ; and if, from any cause, the offerings are not collected on said days, they shall be collected on some subsequent Sunday, and the said Rector shall embrace in his Parochial Report to the Bishop of the Diocese, the amount received at each collection.

#### CANON XVII.

##### OF ATTENDANCE ON CONVENTION.

Every Clergyman, entitled to a seat in the Convention, shall, in case of his inability or failure to attend, communicate in writing, his reasons therefor to the Bishop, at the session of the Convention, or in one month thereafter.

## Form of Parochial Reports.

*As required by Canon IX. of this Diocese.*

The Rector (or Minister) of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ county, reports to the Bishop (or Convention) of the Diocese,  
of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of his Parish :

Families, number of,	_____	
Baptisms—Adults, white,	_____	} Total, _____
"    Colored, - - - - -	_____	
Children, white,	_____	
"    colored, - - - - -	_____	
Confirmations—White	_____	} Total, _____
Colored,	_____	
Communicants—Former number, White,	_____	} Total, _____
Colored,	_____	
Added,	_____	_____
Died, - - - - -	_____	} Total, _____
Removed, - - - - -	_____	
Present number, White,	_____	} Total, _____
Colored—	_____	
Marriages—White,	_____	} Total, _____
Colored, - - - - -	_____	
Funerals,	_____	_____
Sunday School Teachers,	_____	} Total, _____
"    "    Scholars, - - - - -	_____	

### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection,	_____	} \$ _____
Second " - - - - -	_____	
From Individual Con.—	_____	
From other sources, - - - - -	_____	
For Domestic Missions,	_____	_____
For Foreign Missions,	_____	_____
For Communion Alms,	_____	_____
For Bishop's Salary,	_____	_____
For Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	_____	_____
For Parochial Schools,	_____	_____
For Other purposes, as follows,	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Total contributions, \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rector.

☞ State also any matters of fact which show the condition of the Parish.

**Form for the Organization of New Parishes.**

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We, the subscribers, assembled for the purpose of organizing a Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the town of——, county of —— and State of Mississippi, after due notice given, do hereby agree to form a Parish, to be known by the name of—— Church, and as such, do hereby acknowledge and accede to the doctrine, discipline and worship, the Constitution and Canons, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the same Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and we do accordingly now appoint——, [not less than three, nor more than eleven persons, naming them.] to be the first Vestry of—— Church; and——, [two persons, naming them,] to be the first Wardens, to continue in office until Easter Monday, A. D.,——, and until others be chosen in their place: And an election of Vestrymen shall hereafter be held on Easter Monday of each successive year, or as soon thereafter as may be.

Witness our hands at——, county of ——, and State of Mississippi, this —— day of ——, in the year of our Lord.——.

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF MISSISSIPPI.

On Friday evening, April 27, 1860, after Divine Service, the Society met in Christ Church, Vicksburg, the Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, Bishop of the Diocese, President, in the chair.

Mr. Martin W. Ewing, in the absence of the Secretary, was requested to act in that capacity.

The Report and Accounts of Mr. James Roach, Secretary and Treasurer, were laid before the Society, and the Rev. B. F. Miller, and Mr. M. W. Ewing, appointed a committee of examination, who subsequently reported the same to be full and correct in every particular.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted at a former meeting, requiring the funding of all monies belonging to the Society, be hereby rescinded, and such of said funds as may be now outstanding, be called in, as early as may be convenient, and placed in the general treasury, subject to the order of the Society.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred dollars, be placed at the disposal of the Bishop, in aid of the Church Book Depository, in Jackson.

On motion, the Society proceeded to elect a Secretary and Treasurer, in place of Mr. James Roach, who, in consequence of ill-health, had tendered his resignation.

John Duncan, Esq., of Jackson, was declared the unanimous choice of the Society, and thereupon, entered upon the duties of the office.

On motion, it was

*Resolved, further*, That the thanks of the Society be tendered to Mr. James Roach, for the efficient and faithful manner in which he has performed the duties of his late position.

When, on motion, the Society adjourned *sine die*.

JNO. DUNCAN, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

*REPORT of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.*TO THE RT. REV. W. M. GREEN, D. D., *President.*

DEAR SIR :—The undersigned submits herewith, his statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year.

## RECEIPTS.

From Life Members,	-	-	-	\$370 00
" occasional contributions,	-	-	-	100 68
" Parishes, (collections,)	-	-	-	1,248 43
" Balance 27th April, '59,	-	-	-	294 05
Total,	-	-	-	\$2,013 16

## PAYMENTS.

To Six Missionaries,	-	-	\$ 913 00
" Three Students at Nashotah,	-	-	500 00
" Books and Tracts,	-	-	99 16
" Postage and Freight,	-	-	4 68—\$1,516 84
Balance to new Treasurer,	-	-	494 32

Also, note of W. M. Green and others, \$280, for members funded.

The full details of all the receipts and payments, are to be found in the annexed account, marked A. The receipts have greatly increased over last year; the Missionaries are paid up in full, and a balance of nearly Five Hundred Dollars in the Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ROACH, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Vicksburg, 26th October. 1860.

[A.]

JAMES ROACH, *Treasurer, in account with the Diocesan Mission Society.*

1859.		Dr.
April 28	To balance on hand	\$294 05
April	To St. Andrew's, Jackson,	90
	St. Paul's Church, Columbus,	20
	Calvary Church, Holmes	20
	Epiphany Church, Claiborne,	17 25
	St. Luke's Church, Brandon,	1 50
	St. John's Church, Annadale,	10
	Mrs. M. U. Ewing,	5
	St. Paul's Church, Woodville,	10
	Trinity Church, Pass Christian,	18 45
	St. Paul's Church, Columbus,	5 50
	Grace Church, Okolona,	7
	Church of Nativity, Mt. Alban,	5
	Christ Church, Holly Springs,	26 50
30	Capt. A. Sneed,	1

# SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

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May 4	Convention Collection at Trinity Ch., Natchez,	\$214
11	Collection at Consecration of St. Alban's Bovina,	45
June 27	Miss Amelia Bigelow, for life membership,	20
July 8	Christ Church, Church Hill,	25
Aug. 8	Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi,	5
18	Mrs. Ann H. Hampton, De Kalb,	5
	St. Matthew's Church, Clinton,	3 85
	St. Luke's Church, Brandon,	1 15
20	Sarah E. Prosser, a lady, L. H. Prosser, Miss E. Prosser,	4
Oct. 5	Calvary Church, Holmes,	6
14	Miss Penfield Michigan, } Postage	2
	Grace Church, Okolona, } Stamps,	1 68
Nov. 10	Trinity Church, Yazoo,	5
	St. John's Church, Annadale,	2 50
Dec. 24	St. Paul's Church, Columbus, (Bishop's letter, 24th of December,)	25
	Immanuel Church, Noxubee, (Bishop's letter, 24th December,)	10
	Trinity Church, Pass Christian,	25 50
30	St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City,	6 40
Jan'y. 7	Christ Church, Church Hill,	30
23	Grace Church, Canton, (Bishop's visit,)	15 35
	St. Alban's Church, Bovina,	31 75
	M. H. Bigelow,	5
25	Mrs. J. A. Banks \$3, St. Matthew's, Clinton,	\$2, 5
19	Miss C. A. Hierne,	5
31	Mrs. Ann F. Elliot,	25
	Mrs. M. Wilson,	10
Feb. 2	Mrs. Dabney, Raymond,	20
4	Two ladies, \$5 each,	10
	Friend of the Church,	50
8	Mrs. Thos. Rose, Natchez,	5
13	Mrs. E. H. Balfour,	8
	St. Andrew's Church, Marshall,	51 40
Feb. 16	Christ Church, Vicksburg, (collection,)	40
24	Mrs. Burwell, life membership,	20
	Robert Clark, Natchez,	5
	Gerard Brandon, life membership,	20
	Geo. T. Gilbert, Osyka,	1
	St. Mathew's Church, Clinton,	9
	St. Luke's Church, Brandon,	6
March 6	Trinity Church, Yazoo,	25
9	A. V. Davis, Natchez, Life,	50
19	St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county, (1st Sun. Lent,)	37 80
29	St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood,	20 58
April 9	Epiphany, Church, Claiborne,	16 25
	Mrs. E. B. Taylor,	20
	St. Paul's Church, Woodville,	19 35
	Mrs. Mary Brooks,	5

	Mr. Thomas Shields,	5
	Mrs. Francis E. Connor,	50
	Miss Mary D. Field,	5
12	Trinity Church, Natchez, Easter collection,	245 75
23	Grace Church, Canton,	11 60
	St. Andrew's Church, Jackson,	50
	Miss Amelia Bigelow,	20
	Member of Trinity Church, Natchez,	30
	St. Paul's Church, Columbus,	26
	E. J. Hinton,	15
26	Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, a thank offering on the Baptism of their child,	50
Receipts,		\$2,013 16

## PAYMENTS TO CREDIT OF TREASURER.

1859.	To whom paid.	No.	Amount.
May 4	R. F. Clute, Missionary,	1	\$ 50
23	Rev. C. H. Williamson, Missionary,	2	102 50
June 3	For Tracts,	3	3
9	Mr. L. Weller,	4	100
9	Geo. Stewart,	"	100
July 20	F. Elwell,	5	25
Aug. 18	Geo. Stewart,	6	150
31	W. H. Phillips,	6 1/2	50
Oct. 13	Rev. J. Newton Wattson,	7	75
31	R. F. Clute,	8	50
Nov. 8	W. H. Phillips,	9	50
8	Mrs. Johnson, books and tracts,	10	33 29
8	Freight and drayage on journals,	10	1
Dec. 24	Rev. Mr. Stewart, traveling,	See Bishop's letter, Dec. 24th.	15
24	" " " Salary,		25
24	" " Smyser,		20 50
Dec. 24	F. Elwell,	12	25
Jan. 24	Rev. C. H. Williamson,	13	100
Feb. 4	" Geo. Stewart,	14	100
24	Mr. W. H. Phillips, Nashotah,	15	50
24	Rev. F. Elwell,	16	25
24	Circulars Mississippian office,	17	12
Mar. 2	Burns and Seig, Books,	18	50 87
April 7	Rev. J. Newton Wattson, Missionary,	19	75
7	" F. Elwell,	20	25
7	" R. F. Clute,	21	50
9	J. Gierlow,	22	50
13	Rev. C. H. Williamson, Biloxi,	23	100
13	Postage Stamps received and used,	24	3 68
	Balance to new Treasurer,	-	496 32

\$2,013 16

J. ROACH, Treasurer.

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF MISSISSIPPI.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the *Diocesan Missionary Society of Mississippi*.

ART. II. All Clergymen, canonically resident in the Diocese, shall be, *ex-officio*, members of the Society, and such Laymen as shall pay the sums hereinafter mentioned.

ART. III. The officers of the Society shall be the Bishop as President; a first, second and third Vice President; a Secretary or General Agent, and a Treasurer. When there is a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Society shall elect from the Presbyters, a President. The Vice Presidents, according to their numerical order, shall, in the absence, or by request of the President, perform the duties of President.

ART. IV. A Committee of five, to be annually elected, shall constitute a Board of Managers. The Secretary of the Society shall be *ex-officio*, Secretary of the Board of Managers. A Majority of the Managers shall constitute a quorum to do business. They shall have power to make such by-laws as they deem necessary.

ART. V. The Board of Managers shall establish a Diocesan Depository, and such branches as may be deemed necessary. They shall distribute the Bible, the Prayer Book, and such Religious Tracts and other works, only, as may be approved by the Bishop, or the Board of Managers. Any person desirous to sell or distribute such books in the Diocese by authority of the Church, may be licensed to do so by the Bishop, and shall be allowed a reasonable compensation therefor out of the Society funds.

ART. VI. Missionaries employed by the Bishop, shall be allowed such salaries as he may direct; to be paid out of the funds of the Society. The President shall report to the Convention, the number of Missionaries aided by it; their different stations or employments; the sums paid to each; what person has been employed to sell books, and the number of tracts and books distributed. The person employed to sell books shall report to the Convention, the amount of books sold and distributed by him during the year. Said Managers shall, from the funds of the Society, aid in the education of such youths of piety as are recommended by the Bishop, and in general shall have power to adopt and execute such measures as they may deem proper to further the objects of the Society. When the Episcopate is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have the powers confided by this Article to the Bishop.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Society to aid and assist owners of plantations, who are desirous to give religious instruction to their slaves, and to give information of such persons to the Bishop, in order



that he may provide suitable Missionaries to organize Parishes on said plantations.

ART. VIII. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Society; keep a list of the Missionaries paid or assisted by the Society, and the amount allowed to each. The funds in his hands shall only be paid out by the order of the Managers or of the President. He shall report at each anniversary meeting, the state of the Society's funds—its property; and present his accounts for examination and settlement.

ART. IX. The Secretary shall keep a Record of the Proceedings of the Board of Managers, in a well-bound book. He shall, by virtue of his office, conduct the correspondence, and perform such other acts as the Board of Managers shall direct. He shall copy this Constitution on the Minutes of the first meeting of the Board of Managers.

ART. X. The Society shall meet annually, at the place where the Diocesan Convention is held, on the second day of the Convention. (Such of the Clerical and Lay Members of the Society as may be present, shall constitute a quorum to do business; and in the absence of the President and Vice Presidents, a President *pro tem*, shall be elected.) A suitable Sermon shall be preached during the Convention, upon such day as shall be selected by the Bishop, either by the Bishop, or by some Clergyman appointed by him. After sermon, a collection shall be taken up for the use of the Society.

ART. XI. An election of officers of this Society shall be made at such anniversary meeting; and in case of a failure to elect, then the old officers shall continue in office until an election be held.

ART. XII. Every member, except Clergymen, shall pay at the time of subscription, and annually thereafter, on the first day of January, the sum of one dollar to the rector of the Parish, or to such other person as shall be authorized to receive the same.

By the payment of twenty dollars, any one may become a life member of the Society, and shall not be subject to the annual assessment thereafter.

ART. XIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all donations which may be made to the Society, and cause a faithful record of the same to be kept, stating the name of the donor and the amount of the benefaction.

ART. XIV. A notice of the Society, its object, terms of membership, and request for such donations as the pious and liberal are disposed to make, shall be inserted as a standing advertisement in such papers published in the Diocese, as are disposed to insert the same without charge.

ART. XV. The President may convene the Board of Managers at any time he thinks proper.

ART. XVI. The Society being intended to assist, but not in any degree to interfere with the authority of the Church, it is hereby declared, that whatever is done by the Society, shall be done in subordination

to the authority of the Church, and in accordance with the advice of the Bishop.

ART. XVII. It shall be the duty of each Minister of this Diocese to publicly bring the objects of this Society annually before his Parish, and request the friends of religion to co-operate with him in procuring members and donations. He shall also report quarterly to the Secretary, the names of the members, and the amounts received by him, and forward the same to the Treasurer annually.

ART. XVIII. Each regularly organized Parish shall be considered as an Auxiliary or Branch Society.

The Rector of such Parish shall be President of the said Auxiliary Society. He shall appoint four persons, two of whom shall be Ladies, to solicit donations, and to procure members for the Society. Payment for membership shall not be confined to one dollar, but may be one dollar or more per annum.

It shall be the duty of the President of the Auxiliary Society, to receive and remit all funds contributed in his Parish to the Treasurer.

ART. XIX. The Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting of the Society, by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present, and shall be published, together with the annual proceedings of the Society, with the Journals of the Convention.

**DIOCESAN OFFICERS.****STANDING COMMITTEE.**

Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D.	Mr. Wm. C. Smedes,
Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D.	Mr. Wm. Yerger.
Rev. W. C. Crane	

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Rev. Benjamin M. Miller	Mr. Jas. S. Johnston.
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**TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.**

Col. John Duncan.....Jackson.

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Mr. Thomas H. Stanton.	

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Mr. James D. Stewart.....Jackson.

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*First Vice President*—Rev. James A. Fox.

*Second Vice President*—Mr. Jas. S. Johnston.

*Third Vice President*—Mr. M. W. Ewing.

**Managers.**

Messrs. William McWillie..	Messrs. Wm. C. Smedes,
" William Hardeman.	" E. C. Laughlin.

*Secretary and Treasurer*—Col. John Duncan, Jackson.

## PARISHES IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION.

Trinity Church, . . . .	Natchez, . . . .	Adams	County.
St. Paul's Church, . . . .	Woodville, . . . .	Wilkinson	"
St. Mary's Church, . . . .	Laurel Hill, . . . .	Adams	"
Christ Church, . . . .	Church Hill, . . . .	Jefferson	"
Christ Church, . . . .	Vicksburg, . . . .	Warren	"
St. Paul's Church, . . . .	Grand Gulf, . . . .	Claiborne	"
St. Mathew's Church, . . . .	Clinton, . . . .	Hinds	"
St. Mark's Church, . . . .	Raymond, . . . .	Hinds	"
St. Paul's Church, . . . .	Columbus, . . . .	Lowndes	"
Christ Church, . . . .	Holly Springs, . . . .	Marshall	"
St. Andrew's Church, . . . .	Jackson, . . . .	Hinds	"
Epiphany Church, . . . .		Claiborne	"
St. Andrew's Church, . . . .		Marshall	"
Trinity Church, . . . .	Yazoo City, . . . .	Yazoo	"
St. John's Church, . . . .	Pontotoc, . . . .	Pontotoc	"
Ascension Church, . . . .	Hernando, . . . .	De Soto	"
St. John's Church, . . . .	Aberdeen, . . . .	Monroe	"
Grace Church, . . . .	Canton, . . . .	Madison	"
St. Philip's Church, . . . .	Kirkwood, . . . .	Madison	"
St. John's Church, . . . .		De Soto	"
Church of the Crucifixion, . . . .		Yazoo	"
St. Luke's Church, . . . .	Brandon, . . . .	Rankin	"
St. John's Church, . . . .	Lake Washington, . . . .	Washington	"
St. James Church, . . . .	Port Gibson, . . . .	Claiborne	"
Trinity Church, . . . .	Pass Christian, . . . .	Harrison	"
St. Peter's Church, . . . .	Oxford, . . . .	Lafayette	"
Calvary Church, . . . .		Holmes	"
St. John's Church, . . . .	Early Grove, . . . .	Marshall	"
Grace Church, . . . .	Okolona, . . . .	Chickasaw	"
Church of the Advent, . . . .	Washington, . . . .	Adams	"
Chapel of the Cross, . . . .		Madison	"
Church of the Messiah, . . . .		Noxubee,	"
St. John's Chapel, . . . .	Annadale, . . . .	Yazoo	"
Christ Church, . . . .	Monticello, . . . .	Lawrence	"
St. Thomas' Church, . . . .	Pikeville, . . . .	Chickasaw	"
St. Alban's Church, . . . .	Bovina, . . . .	Warren	"
St. Mark's Church, . . . .	Mississippi City, . . . .	Harrison	"
St. Luke's Church, . . . .	Shieldsboro', . . . .	Hancock	"
Church of the Redeemer, . . . .	Boloxi, . . . .	Harrison	"
Church of the Saviour, . . . .	Osyka, . . . .	Pike	"
St. Barnabas' Church, . . . .	Warrenton, . . . .	Warren	"
Church of the Redemption . . . .		Hinds	"

## Assessments on the Parishes by the Convention of 1860.

PARISHES.	BISHOP'S FUND.	CONTING'T EXPENSES.
Trinity Church, Natchez.....	\$ 500 00	\$ 50 00
Christ Church, Vicksburg.....	400 00	30 00
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.....	300 00	30 00
Christ Church, Church Hill.....	260 00	30 00
Trinity Church, Pass Christian.....	120 00	15 00
Christ Church, Holly Springs.....	100 00	15 00
St. Paul's Church, Wooddville.....	100 00	15 00
St. John's Church, Lake Washington.....	100 00	15 00
Trinity Church, Yazoo City.....	80 00	20 00
St. Phillp's Church, Kirkwood.....	60 00	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Columbus.....	60 00	15 00
Grace Church, Canton.....	50 00	10 00
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall.....	50 00	10 00
St. Peter's Church, Oxford.....	50 00	10 00
Chapel of the Cross, Madison.....	40 00	10 00
St. John's Church, Early Grove.....	30 00	5 00
St. Alban's Church, Bovina.....	40 00	10 00
Epiphany Church, Claiborne.....	20 00	5 00
St. John's Church, Aberdeen.....	20 00	5 00
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton.....	20 00	5 00
St. Mark's Church, Raymond.....	20 00	5 00
Calvary Church, Holmes.....	20 00	5 00
St. John's Church, Annadale.....	20 00	5 00
St. Luke's Church, Brandon.....	15 00	5 00
St. John's Church, Pontotoc.....	10 00	5 00
Messiah Church, Noxubee.....	10 00	5 00
Ascension Church, Hernando.....	10 00	5 00
Grace Church, Okolona.....	10 00	5 00
Christ Church, Monticello.....	10 00	5 00
St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City.....	10 00	5 00
St. Luke's Church, Shieldsborough.....	10 00	5 00
Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi.....	10 00	5 00
Church of the Saviour, Osyka.....	10 00	5 00
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf.....	5 00	5 00
Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo.....	5 00	5 00
St. James' Church, Port Gibson.....	20 00	5 00
Church of the Redemption, Hinds.....	10 00	5 00
St. Barnabas' Church, Warrenton.....	10 00	5 00
Total.....	2,615 00	\$ 400 00

### ARREARAGES.

The arrearages on Bishop's salary, the past year, are as follows, viz :

Christ Church, Holly Springs.....	150 00
St. John's Church, Lake Washington....	180 00
St. John's Church, Aberdeen.....	40 00—\$ 370 00

*In the absence of the usual report from the Secretary and Treasurer of the last Convention, the Arrearages due the Contingent Expense Fund are not yet ascertained.*

## STATEMENT OF THE PRESENT TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

The Secretary of the Convention, acting as its Treasurer, has received the sums assessed by the Convention of 1859, upon the following Parishes, viz :

St. John's Church,	Annadale,	\$ 5 00
Grace	Canton,	10 00
St. Phillip's	Kirkwood,	10 00
St. Mark's	Raymond,	5 00
Ascension	Hernando,	5 00
Trinity,	Pass Christian,	15 00
St. Luke	Shieldsboro',	5 00
Saviour	Osyka,	5 00
St. Paul's	Columbus,	15 00
St. Paul's	Woodville,	15 00
St. Matthew's	Clinton,	5 00
St. Luke's	Brandon,	5 00
Calvary	Holmes county,	5 00
St. Alban's	Warren county,	5 00
St. Andrew's	Jackson,	30 00
Epiphany	Claiborne county,	5 00
St. Paul's	Grand Gulf,	10 00
St. John's	Early Grove, (including arrearages)	10 00
Grace	Okolona,	5 00
St. Peter's	Oxford, (including arrearages)	15 00
Christ	Church Hill,	30 00
Christ	Vicksburg,	30 00
Trinity	Natchez,	40 00

Amount on hand, applicable to purposes of the present  
Conventional year, \$285 00

The amount of the assessments for the support of the Episcopate, should be remitted to Col. John Duncan, Treasurer of the Diocese, Jackson, as follows : One-fourth thereof on the first days of July, October, January, and April, respectively.

The amount of assessments made by this Convention, for its contingent expenses, should be remitted to the Rev. W. C. Crane, Secretary, at Jackson, one month before the assembling of the next Convention.

*The amount of arrearages now outstanding and due to either fund, should be remitted without delay, to the one or the other, of the above named officers, as the case may be.*

# Rules of Order,

*As Adopted by the Diocesan Convention of 1860.*

1. The Convention shall be opened with prayer by the Bishop on the morning of every day during the session.

2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the Chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convention.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member, who shall be in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the discussion.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it—and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay upon the table and to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

10. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

12. The names of the movers of resolutions shall not appear upon the Minutes of this Convention.

13. The Reports of all Committees shall be in writing, and shall be received, of course, and without motion, unless re-committed by vote of the Convention. All Reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the Convention, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Convention therein.

14. If the question under debate contain several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately, except that a motion to strike out and insert, shall be indivisible.

15. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without debate; but any member may appeal from such decision; and on such

appeal no member shall speak more than once, without express leave of the Convention.

16. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made ; no after amendment to such second amendment, shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be received under color of a substitute.

17. The first thing in order, after the Convention is declared organized, and ready for business, shall be the election of a Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, for the ensuing year.

18. The adoption of Rules of Order for the government of the Convention, and the reading of said Rules by the Secretary.

19. The appointment of the following Standing Committees, viz : 1st, On Credentials ; 2d, On the Admission of New Congregations ; 3d, On the State of the Church ; 4th, On Finance ; 5th, On Constitution and Canons ; 6th, On Diocesan Schools ; 7th, On Unfinished Business.

20. The reading of the Bishop's Journal and Address.

21. The reading of the Parochial Reports.

22. The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Convention.

23. The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

24. The reading of the Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

25. The reading of the Reports from Committees, appointed by the last Convention.

26. Designation of time and place for holding the next Convention.

27. The election of Diocesan Officers—1st, the members of the Standing Committee ; 2d, Treasurer of the Diocese ; 3d, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund ; 4th, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary ; 5th, Members of the Ecclesiastical Court ; 6th, Deputies to General Convention, (When required) ; 7th, any other Diocesan Officers necessary to be elected.

28. Reports of Standing Committees.

29. Reports from Special Committees.

30. General Motions, Resolutions, and Propositions.

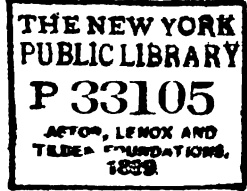




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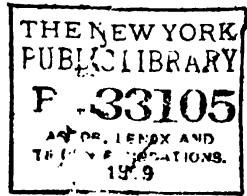


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## LIST OF THE CLERGY.

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- RT. REV. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D. D., Jackson.
- Rev. WILLIAM F. ADAMS, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodville.
- Rev. J. CHARLES ADAMS, M. D., *Deacon*, Minister of Grace Church, Carrollton.
- Rev. FREDERICK A. P. BARNARD, LL. D., President of State University, and ministering in St. Paul's Church, Oxford.
- Rev. WILLIAM H. BURTON, ministering at Corinth.
- Rev. FREDERICK W. BOYD, P. O. Natchez.
- Rev. ROBERT F. CLUTE, Rector of Grace Church, Okolona.
- Rev. WILLIAM CROES CRANE, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.
- Rev. FREDERICK W. DAMUS, P. O. Vicksburg.
- Rev. ELIJAH H. DOWNING, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood.
- Rev. FREDERICK ELWELL, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Brandon, and St. Matthew's Church, Clinton: P. O. Brandon.
- Rev. EDWARD FONTAINE, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Raymond, and Church of the Redemption, Hinds Co.: P. O. Jackson.
- Rev. JAMES A. FOX, P. O. Bovina, Warren County.
- Rev. JAMES D. GIBSON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbus.
- Rev. JAMES S. GREENE, P. O. Fayette, Jefferson County.
- Rev. BENJAMIN HALSTED, Rector of Calvary Church, Holmes County: P. O. Lexington.
- Rev. WILLIAM B. LACEY, D. D., President of Rose-Gates Female College, Okolona.
- Rev. WILLIAM W. LORD, D. D., Rector of Christ's Church, Vicksburg.
- Rev. BENJAMIN M. MILLER, Rector of Christ's Church, Church Hill.
- Rev. THOMAS D. OZANNE, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Shieldsboro'.
- Rev. GIDEON B. PERRY, D. D., LL. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Natchez.



- Rev. WILLARD PRESBURY, Rector of St. John's Church, Early Grove, and St. Andrew's, Marshall County: P. O. Early Grove.
- Rev. GEORGE ROTTENSTEIN, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne County: P. O. Port Gibson.
- Rev. HENRY SANSOM, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Canton, and St. Alban's, Warren County: P. O. Canton.
- Rev. THOMAS S. SAVAGE, M. D.: P. O. Pass Christian.
- Rev. WILLIAM PARKER SCOTT: P. O. Yazoo City.
- Rev. GEORGE W. SILL, Rector of Trinity Church, Pass Christian.
- Rev. JOSEPH SPENCER, D. D., Instructor of Select Boys' School, Jackson, and ministering at Terry and Osyka.
- Rev. GEORGE STEWART, ministering at Enterprize, and the Church of the Messiah, and intervening places: P. O. Enterprize.
- Rev. M. LEANDER WELLER, ministering at Hernando and Panola, and intervening places: P. O. Hernando.
- \*Rev. THOMAS APPLGATE, Rector of St. John's Church, Aberdeen.
- \*Rev. AMOS C. TREADWAY, officiating in St. John's Church, Lake Washington.
- \*Rev. CHARLES B. DANA, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Port Gibson.
- \*Rev. WILLIAM K. DOUGLAS, Professor in Jefferson College, and Rector of the Church of the Advent, Washington, Adams County.

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\*Not entitled to seats in this Convention.

# Roll of Lay Delegates,

ELECTED TO THE CONVENTION OF 1861.

*Those marked thus (\*) attended its Sittings.*

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	ALTERNATES.
Trinity, Natchez . . . .	R. W. Phillips . . . .	B. Butler.
	J. D. Shields . . . . .	J. T. Butler.
	G. M. Hillyer . . . .	J. T. McMurran.
St. Andrew's, Jack'n	J. A. Kausler . . . .	H. E. Windley.
	*John Duncan . . . .	J. C. Napier.
	Edw. M. Yerger . . .	C. A. Moore.
Grace, Canton . . . .	*A. Sneed . . . . .	W. Drane.
	*C. C. Shackelford.	
	T. C. Tupper . . . . .	
St. John's, Annadale.	Martin W. Ewing . .	
	Robt. W. Ewing . . .	
	B. Bynum Ewing . .	
St. Luke's, Brandon.	D. W. Wilkinson . .	
	Patrick Henry . . . .	
St. Matthew's, Clin.	Levi C. Harris . . . .	
	Bruce Banks . . . . .	
St. Andrew's, Mar-		
shall Co. . . . .	A. M. Clayton . . . .	
	*Dabney Minor . . . .	
	J. P. Hardaway . . .	
St. James,' Early G.	Caldwell P. Pool . .	
	*J. G. Bailey . . . .	
	*Robert J. Baird . . .	
St. Philip's, Kirk-		
wood . . . . .	William McWillie . .	
	Edw. H. Anderson . .	
	Wm. Hemmingway . .	
Christ, Church Hill.	Benjamin D. Beavin .	
	Edgar G. Wood . . .	
	Robert Cox . . . . .	
St. Peter's, Oxford.	*Thos. E. B. Pegues .	

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	ALTERNATES.
	*Jacob Thompson...	
	Alex. H. Pegues...	
Christ, Holly Springs.	*Charles Bonner...	
	*T. W. Dancy.....	
	*B. W. Walthall...	
Epiphany, Claiborne county.....	William Miles.....	
	D. W. Jones.....	
	Edwin McCaleb...	
Ascension, Hernando.	J. T. M. Smith.....	
	John C. Thompson.	I. O. Lusher.
	H. H. Chalmers...	Wm. H. Johnston.
St. Mark's, Raymond.	A. R. Johnston....	
	A. L. Dabney.....	
	George Latimer...	
Messiah, Noxubee...	J. F. Maury.....	
	Stanton Field.....	
St. Stephen's, Panola.	*Franklin Moore...	Z. P. Weaver.
	Simon P. Lester...	M. S. Ward.
St. Alban's, Bovina.	Thos. V. Noland...	
	Thos. N. Batchelor.	
	Thruston J. Thompson.....	
Church of the Ad- vent, Washington.	Oscar Kibbe.....	
	Thos. R. Shields...	
Grace, Carrollton...	John P. Gouch....	
Christ, Vicksburg...	W. C. Smedes.....	
	J. A. Klein.....	
	B. S. Tappan.....	
Grace, Okolona.....	J. E. Tucker.....	Duncan G. Hub- bard.
	C. S. Howe.....	W. Gaston Hen- derson.
	Joseph Bretney....	J. Y. Thompson.
St. Paul's, Columbus.	Gray A. Chandler.	
	B. A. Vaughan....	
	J. V. Harris.....	
St. James,' Port Gib- son.....	T. B. Magruder....	R. B. Maury.
	Geo. C. Butler....	H. Ring.
	Geo. N. Seidlitz...	A. J. Lewis.

# The Journal.

CHRIST CHURCH, HOLLY SPRINGS, }  
THURSDAY, APRIL 25th, 1861. }

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the THIRTY-FIFTH Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Mississippi, the Rt. Rev. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, called the Convention to order at 10 o'clock, A. M., and opened it with prayer.

The Roll of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, as furnished by the Bishop, was then called, and the following clergymen answered to their names :

The Rt. Rev. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D. D.	
Rev. Fred. W. Boyd,	Rev. James A. Fox,
Rev. Wm. Croes Crane,	Rev. Willard Presbury,
Rev. Elijah H. Downing.	Rev. Thos. S. Savage, M. D.
Rev. Edward Fontaine,	Rev. George Stewart,
Rev. M. Leander Weller.	

Credentials of Lay Delegates from St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; St. Matthew's, Clinton; Christ Church, Holly Springs; St. Andrew's, Marshall County; Ascension, De Soto County; St. John's, Aberdeen; St. Philip's Kirkwood; St. Luke's, Brandon; St. Peter's, Oxford; St. John's, Early Grove, and Grace Church, Canton, were presented and referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Edward Fontaine, and Messrs. C. C. Shackelford and Thomas E. B. Pegues, who, after examination, reported the same as correct. Whereupon, the list of names was called, and the following Lay Delegates appeared and took their seats in the Convention:

St. Andrew's Church,	Jackson,	.....	John Duncan,
Christ	"	Holly Springs,	B. W. Walthall and Charles Bonner.
St. Andrew's	"	Marshall Co.,	... Dabney Minor.
Grace	"	Canton,	..... A. Sneed and C. C. Shackelford.
St. Peter's	"	Oxford,	..... Thos. E. B. Pegues.

A constitutional quorum of the Clergy and Lay Delegates being ascertained to be present, the Bishop declared the Convention duly constituted, and ready to proceed to business.

The ballot being dispensed with, the Rev. W. C. Crane was, on motion, unanimously re-elected to the office of Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention.

Col. John Duncan was, on motion, unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

On motion the rules of order of the last Convention were adopted.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Clergymen of this Diocese not entitled to seats; also, Clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to honorary seats in the Convention.

On motion, the rules were suspended and the Convention proceeded to elect a Standing Committee for the ensuing year. Upon counting the ballots the

Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D.	Rev. Wm. Croes Crane,
Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D.	Mr. Wm. C. Smedes and

Mr. John Duncan, were declared duly elected.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed by the chair to give some proper expression to the feelings awakened in this body by the death of the Rev. Dr. Ingraham.

The chair appointed on this committee the Rev. Dr. Sansom, the Rev. Dr. Savage and Dabney Minor.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until after Divine Service.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Boyd and Fontaine, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. Willard Presbury, from 2 Timothy, IV,—6, 7, 8.

After Divine Service, the Convention was again called to order.

In addition to those above named, the following clergymen took their seats:

The Rev. Benjamin M. Miller, the Rev. Gideon B. Perry, D. D., LL. D., the Rev. George Rottenstein, and the Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D.

On motion the Convention adjourned to meet again at 5 o'clock, P. M.

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FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention was called to order. In addition to those

present at the morning session the Rev. Wm. H. Burton and the Rev. Benjamin Halsted answered to their names.

Doctor T. W. Dancy appeared as a Lay Delegate from Christ Church, Holly Springs.

The Bishop announced the appointment of the following

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Credentials*—Rev. E. Fontaine, Messrs. C. C. Shackelford, and Thomas E. B. Pegues.

*New Parishes*—Rev. Dr. Savage, Messrs. Dabney Minor, and B. W. Walthall.

*State of the Church*—Rev. Dr. Perry, Rev. Mr. Fox, Rev. Mr. Fontaine, Rev. Dr. Savage, Rev. Mr. Stewart, Rev. Mr. Burton and Rev. Mr. Rotenstein.

*Finance*—Messrs. T. E. B. Pegues, Dabney Minor, C. C. Shackelford, Charles Bonner, John Duncan, and Jacob Thompson.

*Constitution and Canons*—Rev. Mr. Fox, Rev. Mr. Presbury, Messrs. A. Sneed, Franklin Moore and C. C. Shackelford.

*Diocesan Schools*—Rev. Dr. Sansom, Rev. Mr. Crane, Rev. Mr. Downing, Rev. Dr. Savage and Rev. Mr. Boyd.

*Unfinished Business*—Rev. Mr. Weller and T. W. Dancy.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the next convention be held in the city of Jackson, on the fourth Thursday in April, 1862.

The following Canon was presented, and on motion referred to the committee on Constitution and Canons.

### CANON ON RELIGIOUS SERVICES

#### DURING THE CONVENTION.

On the first day of the meeting of each Convention, there shall be Morning Prayer, a Sermon, and the celebration of the Holy Communion; and on each succeeding day of the session, there shall be the usual Morning Prayer and a Sermon.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to ballot for

## THE ECCLESIASTICAL COURT OF THE DIOCESE:

and elected the following members :

REV. H. SANSOM, D. D.	REV. W. W. LORD, D. D.
" JAMES A. FOX.	" BENJAMIN M. MILLER.
REV. W. C. CRANE.	

Messrs. WM. C. SMEDES, WM. YERGER and JOHN DUNCAN, were re-elected TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND AND CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Rev. JAS. A. FOX, Rev. F. W. BOYD. and Mr. JAS. S. JOHNSTON were elected Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again at 9 o'clock on Friday morning.

*Divine Service was celebrated in Christ Church, on Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock. Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. Sansom and the Rev. Mr. Burton, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. F. W. Boyd.*

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## CHRIST CHURCH, HOLLY SPRINGS, }

FRIDAY, April 26, 1861. }

The Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, at 9 A. M., and opened with Prayer.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Upon the call of the roll of Delegates, in addition to those present yesterday, the Hon. Jacob Thompson, from St. Peter's, Oxford, answered to his name.

The committee on the admission of New Congregations, respectfully report :

That they have examined the papers submitted by Grace church, Carrollton, and St. Stephen's church, Panola. Those of the latter are entirely correct. The former however are deficient in respect to the requisition of the 4th Article of the Constitution. The deficiency however is of such a character that they feel no hesitation in recommending the admission of said Parish. They therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Grace church, Carrollton, and St. Stephens, Panola, be admitted into union with this Diocese.

THOS. S. SAVAGE, Chairman.

The above report was received, and the resolution appended to it, was, on motion adopted.

The committee on Credentials, reported the names of Lay Delegates, in addition to those reported yesterday, from the following churches :

St. Alban's,.....Bovina.

St. Stephen's,.....Panola.

Dr. Franklin Moore took his seat as a Lay Delegate from St. Stephen's, Panola.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to ballot for a Lay member of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Thos. H. Stanton ; whereupon the Hon. William Yerger was elected to fill the said vacancy.

The Bishop commenced reading his annual Journal and Address, when the hour of eleven having arrived, the Convention took a recess until after Divine Service.

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*Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Halsted and Miller, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. James A. Fox.*

The Convention came to order after Divine Service, at the call of the Bishop.

The reading of the Bishop's annual Journal and Address was then completed.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the portion of the Bishop's address referring to a circular letter from Bishops Polk and Elliot, be referred to a committee of five, to be appointed by the chair.

The chair announced as the committee under the above resolution, Messrs. Minor, Duncan, Thompson; and the Rev. Messrs. Crane and Fox.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to extract so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the present political crisis, and have the same published in at least one of the secular papers in each of the principal cities of this State, and to request that the same be copied into the church papers published in the South.

On motion,

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the Convention approve of the alterations in the usual Prayers for the President, and for Congress, made by the Bishop, and heartily thank him for the forms of Prayer which he has set forth, and for his promptness in providing them; as we think, in the exercise of a sound discretion.

The Treasurer of the Diocese presented his annual report:



## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

The Treasurer of the Diocese reports that since entering upon the duties of his office at the last Convention, held in Christ Church, Vicksburg, April 1860, he has—

### RECEIVED

From assessments on Parishes.....	\$2,565 00
“ Interest on notes belonging to Episcopal Fund.....	617 00
“ Late Treasurer.....	79 23
“ Individual donation—Mrs. Govan, Marshall county .....	12 00
	\$3,273 23

And he has

### PAID

For printing circulars.....	\$ 6 00
“ Insurance on Episcopal residence..	25 00
“ Salary of Bishop Green as per vouchers, in full to 1st July, 1861	3,000 00—\$3,031 00

Leaving a balance in Treasury of ..... \$242 23

Which, with an additional sum, will probably be required for necessary repairs upon the Episcopal residence.

The accompanying Table marked A, exhibits the assessments by last Convention, upon each Parish, the amounts collected therefrom, and the unpaid balances remaining at the close of this report.

The Endowment Fund continues as at last Convention, amounting in all to \$6,425—yielding at 10 per ct. interest \$642 50,—\$617 of which including \$72 due last Convention, has been paid; and the balance, most probably will soon be collected.

It is greatly to be desired that some less exceptionable mode for securing the salary of the Bishop, should be devised and adopted; but, during the present political and financial condition of our country, the Treasurer respectfully recommends the adoption by the Convention of the assessment roll of last year, without change or alteration.

Under a resolution of the Convention of last year, Journal, page 25, the Treasurer was instructed to report to this

body, the proceedings necessary, in reference to certain property, deeded by Moses Alexander and others, to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund. Upon subsequent inquiry, it was ascertained that the resolution referred to, was adopted under a misapprehension of the facts, and the Treasurer has been informed that at the session of the present Convention, a report on the subject will be made by the Vestry of St. John's Church, Early Grove.

Under another resolution of the last Convention, Journal, page 20, the arrearages, due from Christ Church, Monticello, \$10, and from Ascension Church, Hernando, \$10, were to be remitted upon proper application;—though not formally applied to, by these churches, the above amounts are nevertheless omitted in this annual report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DUNCAN,  
Treasurer of the Diocese.

April 25, 1861.

# TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

## STATEMENT A.—Assessments, Payments and Arrearages.

PARISHES.	Arrearages last Convent'n	Assessment Convention 1860.	Total due Con- vention 1861.	Paid to date of report.	Still due.
1 Trinity Church Natchez.....		500	500	500	
2 Christ Church. Vicksburg.....		400	400	400	
3 St. And'w's Ch. Jackson.....		300	300	300	
4 Christ Church. Church Hill....		260	260	260	
5 Trinity Church. Pass Christian...	60	120	180	140	40
6 Christ Church. Holly Springs...	150	100	250	200	50*
7 St. Paul's Ch.. Woodville.....		100	100	100	
8 St. John's Ch.. Lake Washington	180	100	280		280
9 Trinity Church Yazoo City.....		80	80	80	
10 St. Philip's Ch. Kirkwood.....		60	60	60	
11 St. Paul's Ch. Columbus.....		60	60	60	
12 Grace Church. Canton.....		50	50	50	
13 St. And'w's Ch. Marshall County.		50	50	50	
14 St. Peter's Ch.. Oxford.....		50	50	50	
15 Chapel of Cross Madison County.	40	40	80	80	
16 St. John's Ch.. Early Grove....		30	30		30†
17 St. Alban's Ch. Bovina.....		40	40	40	
18 Epiphany Ch.. Claiborne County.		20	20	20	
19 St. John's Ch.. Aberdeen.....	40	20	60		60
20 St. Matt'w's Ch Clinton.....		20	20	20	
21 St. Mark's Ch. Raymond.....		20	20	20	
22 Calvary Ch.. Holmes County.		20	20	20	
23 St. John's Ch.. Annadale.....		20	20	20	
24 St. Luke's Ch. Brandon.....		15	15	15	
25 St. John's Ch.. Pontotoc.....		10	10		10†
26 Messiah Ch.. Noxubes County.		10	10	10	
27 Ascension Ch.. Hernando.....		10	10	10	
28 Grace Church. Okolona.....		10	10		10
29 Christ Church. Monticello.....		10	10	10	
30 St. Mark's Ch. Mississippi City..		10	10	10	
31 St. Luke's Ch.. Shieldsboro'....		10	10	10	
32 Ch. of Redem'n Biloxi.....		10	10		10
33 Ch. of Savior.. Osyka.....		10	10	10	
34 St. Paul's Ch.. Grand Gulf.....		5	5		5
35 Ch. of Crucifix. Yazoo County...	5	5	10	10	
36 St. James' Ch. Port Gibson....		20	20		20†
37 Ch. of Redemp. Iinds County....		10	10	10	
38 St. Barnabus Ch. Warrenton.....		10	10		10
	\$475	2615	3090	2565	525
					3090

\*\$8 25 of this paid at Convention.

†Paid during Convention, to appear in next Annual Reports.

The Convention took a recess until 5 o'clock, P. M.

5 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Doctor J. G. Bailey and R. J. Baird appeared as delegates from St. John's church, Early Grove.

The Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention presented his annual report :

### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

The Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention presents his annual account current of the Contingent Expense Fund.

In the absence of any report from the late Secretary and Treasurer, he has no means of ascertaining which of the Parishes were indebted last year for arrearages.

Of the assessments for the present year, there remain yet unpaid,—from

Christ Church,	Vicksburg	\$30 00
Trinity "	Pass Christian	15 00
Christ "	Holly Springs	15 00
St. John's church,	Lake Washington	15 00
Trinity "	Yazoo city	20 00
Chapel of the Cross,	Madison county	10 00
St. John's church,	Aberdeen	5 00
St. John's "	Pontotoc	5 00*
Grace "	Okolena	5 00
St. Mark's "	Mississippi City	5 00
Redeemer "	Biloxi	5 00
St. Paul's "	Grand Gulf	5 00
St. James' "	Port Gibson	5 00*
St. John's "	Early Grove	5 00*

\$145 00

There is now on hand the sum of \$159 44 to meet the expenses of the present Convention, which are estimated at \$375 00.

W. C. CRANE,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

\*Paid during Convention.

*Account current of the*

W. C. CRANE, SECRETARY, &amp;C. IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

1860.	Dr.
Amount on hand at the close of the last convention assessment of 1859—(see page 101 last Journal) .....	\$285 00
Received on account of the same assessment from	
Messiah, Noxubee .....	5 00
St. Mark's Mississippi City .....	5 00
Received from the following Parishes the sums assessed upon them by the last Convention, viz :	
St. Andrew's, Jackson .....	30 00
St. Luke's, Brandon .....	5 00
St. Matthew's, Clinton .....	5 00
Church of the Savior, Osyka .....	5 00
St. Mark's, Raymond .....	5 00
Church of the Redemption, Hinds county .....	5 00
St. Luke's, Shieldsborough .....	5 00
St. Philip's, Kirkwood .....	10 00
St. Andrew's, Marshall county .....	10 00
Ascension, Hernando .....	5 00
Grace, Canton .....	10 00
Christ, Church Hill .....	30 00
St. Peter's, Oxford .....	10 00
Messiah, Noxubee .....	5 00
St. John's, Annadale .....	5 00
St. Paul's, Columbus .....	15 00
St. Paul's, Woodville .....	15 00
Epiphany, Claiborne .....	5 00
Trinity, Natchez .....	40 00
Calvary, Holmes .....	5 00
Grace, Bovina .....	10 00
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	\$530 00

*Secretary of the Convention.*CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DIO-  
CESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

1860.	Cr.
June 18. Cash paid E. Barksdale, for printing 750 copies (116 pages) of the Journal of the Convention.....	\$341 00
Cash paid postage on letters and jour- nals .....	6 75
Expenses on journals sent to Parishes..	2 80
Express charges on journals of General Convention .....	2 50
Forms of Parochial reports with post- ages on same .....	5 00
Cash paid for stationery, and discount on uncurrent money.....	5 60
Interest on \$69 15 for one year.....	6 09
Ap'l 26. This amount in hand, applicable to ex- penses of the Convention of current year .....	159 44
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	\$530 00

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the facts relative to parish property at Early Grove, and to report to this Convention as soon as practicable the necessary action thereon.

C. C. Shackelford and the Rev. Messrs. Miller and Presbury, were appointed the committee under the foregoing resolution.

The committee on Unfinished Business, presented the following report :

The committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that they have not been able to discover any thing on the pages of the previous journals requiring the action of this Convention.

M. LEANDER WELLER, Chairman.

The Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock on Saturday morning.

*At 8 o'clock, P. M., Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Stewart and Downing, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Benjamin M. Miller.*

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### CHRIST CHURCH, HOLLY SPRINGS, } SATURDAY, April 27, 9 A. M. }

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Rev. Charles F. Adams, M. D. appeared and took his seat.

"The committee of Inquiry for the better security of Church property, &c.," was continued, and instructed to report to the next Convention.

The following report was received, and the resolution accompanying it were adopted :

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE

IN RELATION TO DEED OF GIFT OF MOSES ALEXANDER AND OTHERS, OF 25TH FEBRUARY, 1852.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of the deed of gift of Moses Alexander and others, dated 25th February, 1852, to J. G. Bailey and others, of certain property therein specified, for the use and benefit of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, having duly considered the same, submit the following report :

The committee would advise the acceptance of the grant as contained in said deed of the 25th February, 1852.

This committee would also advise and recommend the appointment of the present Vestrymen of St. John's Parish, Early Grove, and their successors in office, Trustees for said property, in lieu of the present Trustees, (they having tendered their resignation of said trust to this Convention) as being the best mode of effecting the ends proposed by the grantors of said deed.

Your committee therefore submit, and recommend to this Convention, the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That this Convention accept the deed of gift of Moses Alexander et al, of the 25th. February, 1852, to J. G. Bailey et al, Trustees, &c., for the purposes therein specified, and with the conditions annexed to the same.

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as D. A. Abernathy, J. G. Bailey, Caldwell P. Pool, John B. Connelly, and E. G. Franklin, present Trustees of said deed of gift, have tendered to this Convention their resignation of said trust, that the same be and is hereby accepted.

*Resolved*, That this Convention in pursuance of the power in them vested by said deed of gift, do hereby appoint J. G. Bailey, Caldwell P. Pool, William Parr, Robert J. Baird, Robert A. Baird, W. P. Pool, and John Connelly, present Vestrymen of St. John's Parish, Early Grove, and their successors in office, present Trustees, in lieu of said D. A. Abernathy, J. G. Bailey, Caldwell P. Pool, John B. Connelly, and E. G. Franklin, to do and perform all the objects and purposes of said deed of gift, together with all the conditions annexed thereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. C. SHACKLEFORD, Chairman.

EARLY GROVE, Marshall Co., Miss.,

April 18, 1861.

We, the undersigned Trustees of the property of St. John's Church, hereby resign our trust, on condition that the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, in whom the right is vested by the deed, do appoint the present Vestrymen of St. John's Church and their successors forever, the Trustees of said Wilson Hall.

D. A. ABERNATHY,  
J. G. BAILEY,  
CALDWELL P. POOL,  
JOHN B. CONNELLY,  
E. G. FRANKLIN.



A recess was ordered until after Divine Service.

*Prayers were read by the Rev. Messrs. Presbury and Weller, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Savage.*

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ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention was called to order.

The Committee on the Constitution and Canons, recommended the adoption of the Canon which has been referred to them, entitled

CANON ON RELIGIOUS SERVICES DURING THE CONVENTION.

On motion the proposed Canon was enacted.

The report of the committee on the State of the Church, was presented and read, as follows :

### REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Our Lord said : " All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth," including equally the kingdom of Providence with that of Grace. In the former we must wait for his footsteps as he is pleased to manifest them from time to time. But the latter is already clearly revealed with every line of duty marked and fixed out. *We speak of the Church*, the pillar and ground of truth, God's house on earth, wherein, and whereby the invisible Christ, and the human soul may meet and be made one. What the true Christ proclaims as the way of salvation must be regarded as the voice and authority of her Ascended Head. Thus her visible progress is, in all reality, the progress of the Redeemer's kingdom in the world.

We look upon this as the greatest of blessings to fallen creatures desirous of knowing and doing the will of the Divine Master. The prosperity of the Church can be found in, and only in submission to the will of God, conformable to his revealed laws, as contained in, and made known by his Church.

And here we would take occasion to say, we may cherish hope sure and steadfast amidst the present troublous times, in which our beloved Zion must more or less share.

When God waketh up to disturb the Nations, we know that He means to separate the evil from the good; and that at such time of all others He requires his own purchased

people to be strong in his name, and in the power of his might; trusting to his wisdom out of the whirlwind to bring a calm; by which the cause of Christianity, Morals, Liberty and Improvement shall be vastly benefitted, making his Church with her holy teaching to the world, what the ark of old was to the flood—the savior of those within her enclosure.

Every pious and intelligent churchman will readily understand this, and value the more the opportunity of becoming a member of the same, and thankful withal for any ability which he may possess of being a fellow-laborer in the sacred cause. We may prosper in advancement, without advancing in the right direction, a thing which should be seriously considered.

In this Diocese as informed by the address of our esteemed Bishop, and the Parochial Reports, your committee are happy to state that the Church seems to be in a condition of permanent prosperity.

In some localities she is contending with obstacles common to human events; but through the patient, and we may believe prayerful diligence of her Ministers, and assistance of faithful brethren, under the blessing of Heaven, the good work still goes encouragingly on. Even where the necessary means are feeble, the root being active and sound, there is reasonable ground to expect that ultimately the vine will abundantly flourish.

Judging from the statistics before us, it is evident that our increasingly settled attachment to our belief and order as a Christian Body, is spreading and deepening with the people, preparing the way for still larger advances. Unflinching adherence to the Gospel in faith and form, with becoming zeal, and suitable liberality in pecuniary means, will prove labor not in vain in the Lord.

Sorrow may becloud our hearts in the loss of some of our brightest lights and efficient helpers, as it has in the removal by death of a beloved brother Minister, and several laymen.

We miss from our ranks an Ingraham, a Yerger, a Roach, the venerable Turner, and the young, generous and talented Stanton. But He who has thus removed, can replenish again, as he has graciously promised.

The committee would heartily commend attention to Sunday School and Bible Class instruction. They are important means of religion, especially to such as otherwise might be neglected.

And they would also mention that this service should not be so held as to allow sponsors—especially where parents are such—the apology to slide out of their individual and momentous obligations, which, in the name of God, are binding upon them, by thinking they are transferred to other hands. There is no religious instruction like that of home.

And it may be noted that such children as receive parental and sponsorial training are far more frequently, at a proper age, found numbered with the communicants of the Church than any others; a consideration that should deeply impress the mind of every Pastor; and is the more worthy of thought because too often overlooked.

The committee cheerfully join our Right Reverend Father in earnestly urging the obligation the Church and Masters are under to supply our colored population with proper facilities for their spiritual welfare. We should rejoice to see chapels generally established and Ministers employed for this purpose.

The Bishop reports the consecration of churches one. Candidates for orders six. Ordination of Deacons one. Priests three. Institution of Rector one. Transferred to other Dioceses eight. Died one. Entered into the Diocese three. Not canonically attached, seven.

The following is a summary of the Parochial Reports, so far as handed in :

#### SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Families, number of .....	691	
Baptisms, Adults, white .....		72
“ “ colored .....		40
“ Infants, white .....		193
“ “ colored .....		132
Total .....	437	
Confirmations, white .....		123
“ colored .....		29
Total .....	152	
Communicants, white .....		1066
“ colored .....		93
Total .....	1159	

Communicants, added .....	198
“ died .....	27
“ removed .....	67
Marriages, white.....	72
Funerals.....	114
Sunday Schools—Teachers .....	102
Scholars.....	692
Contributions.....	\$9536 85
GIDEON B. PERRY, Chairman.	

The committee on Diocesan Schools, presented the following report :

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to report, that on examination they find several Institutions in connection with the Diocese, and mostly in an encouraging condition.

The first in importance is St. Thomas' Hall, Holly Springs. It is gratifying to report this Institution in a prosperous condition, which may in a great measure justly be attributed to the indefatigable labors of its lamented Rector, the Rev. Dr. Ingraham.

During the past year, the Board of Trustees, duly impressed with the advantages possessed by schools under military organization, have in addition to its scientific and classical departments, made St. Thomas' Hall a Military Academy ; and, a gentleman of large experience and well-known ability, Prof. C. W. Sears, a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy, and for many years acting President of the University of Louisiana, has been elected Superintendent of the school. Favored with such an efficient Head, easy of access, and located in one of the healthiest portions of the State, we cordially commend this Institution to the confidence of our brethren in the Diocese at large, who are seeking an establishment of the highest grade for the education of their sons.

The next of which we would speak is, *Trinity Female Seminary*, Pass Christian. Since our last Convention, this popular Institution has been transferred, by the Rev. Dr. Savage, its former Principal, to Prof. Reuel Keith, a gentleman who had been associated with Lieut. Maury in the

National Observatory at Washington, and who brings with him testimonials of the highest order. Notwithstanding the distracted state of the country, the prospects of the Seminary are encouraging, and we doubt not that its present able Principal will continue to maintain that character for the Institution which was so widely known, and so well sustained by his efficient predecessor.

Rose Gates College, an Institution at Okolona, of which the Rev. Dr. Lacey is Principal, has made a good beginning, having in this its first session fifty-six pupils. "With suitable encouragement from the right quarter," says its veteran Head, "our experiment would, I have no doubt, be successful." We are glad to state that *Wilson Hall* is in successful operation under the supervision of the Rev. Willard Presbury, Rector of St. John's Parish.

The course of instruction in this School, is a thorough English education, with the Classics up to the point of preparation for College. We cheerfully commend it to the patronage of the Church.

The committee regret that they are still unable to report any movement towards the erection of an Institution of the first rank for young Ladies, near the City of Jackson. Lying, as this project does, so near the heart of our beloved Diocesan, it being "one thing which he desires of the Lord," to behold such an Institution in operation, ere he departs to his rest, and possessing (as he does) one of the most beautiful sites for such a school which can be found in the State, besides a handsome donation to commence with,—it is to be hoped that the day is not far distant, when "those who are rich in this world," and have daughters to whom they desire to give a finished and Christian education at, or near home, will come generously forward to the erection of this Institution.

HENRY SANSOM, Chairman.

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The standing committee of the Diocese reported the proceedings of the last Conventional year, as follows :

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

- July 28, 1860. Testimonials signed in behalf of the Rev. George Stewart, the Rev. Wm. F. Adams, and the Rev. M. Leander Weller, Deacons, for Priest's Orders.  
 Testimonials signed in behalf of John Charles Adams, M. D., for Deacon's Orders.  
 Testimonial signed in behalf of Henry G. Perry, Esq., as a candidate for Holy Orders.
- Jan. 8, 1861. Summoned as the Bishop's Council of advice, and fully concurred with him as to the necessity of the proposed alterations,—growing out of the change in our civil relations,—in the prayers for the "President" and "Congress."  
 Testimonial signed in behalf of Edmund Charles Laughlin, as a candidate for Holy Orders, to take effect from September 13, 1860.
- March 7, 1861. Testimonial signed in behalf of Joseph Booth Lyons, as a candidate for Holy Orders.
- April 25, 1861. Testimonial signed in behalf of Charles A. Cameron, as a candidate for Holy Orders.

WM. C. CRANE.

Secretary Standing Committee.

The Convention on motion, adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention was again called to order.

The COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, presented their report, as follows, and the accompanying resolutions were, on motion, adopted.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

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The committee on Finance to whom the account of the Treasurer of the Diocese has been referred, respectfully beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, with the accompanying vouchers, and find it to be correct in every particular.

It affords your committee much satisfaction to find from the report of the Treasurer, that the assessment made by the last Convention upon the several Parishes for the support of the Episcopate, has, in addition to the proceeds arising from the interest on the Endowment Fund, proved fully adequate to the payment of the Bishop's salary for the past year, leaving a balance of \$242 23 in the hands of the Treasurer. Some portions of the amount assessed have not yet been collected, but it is believed that these arrearages, as exhibited below, will be mostly paid—thus increasing the balance in the hands of the Treasurer, which will probably be required for necessary repairs on the Episcopal Residence.

Upon a review of the amounts, assessed upon the Parishes, by the last Convention for the support of the Bishop, your committee would recommend a renewal of the last year's assessment upon each, with only one alteration in the apportionment. The assessment we have made on three new Parishes, adds \$35 to the aggregate sum, on account of the Bishop's salary.

The committee have also examined the account of the Treasurer of the Convention, and find it entirely correct. It is believed that the assessment made by the last Convention on the various Parishes, to defray the contingent expenses of the Convention, will be sufficient for that purpose, for the ensuing year, and they recommend the continuance of the same.

The following is recommended as the assessment for the Bishop's salary and contingent expenses.

## ASSESSMENT.

PARISHES.	BISHOP'S FUND.	CONTING'T EXPENSES.
Trinity Church, Natchez.....	\$500 00	\$50 00
Christ Church, Vicksburg.....	400 00	30 00
St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.....	300 00	30 00
Christ Church, Church Hill.....	260 00	30 00
Trinity Church, Pass Christian.....	120 00	15 00
Christ Church, Holly Springs.....	100 00	15 00
St. Paul's Church, Woodville.....	100 00	15 00
St. John's Church, Lake Washington...	100 00	15 00
Trinity Church, Yazoo City.....	80 00	20 00
St. Phillip's Church, Kirkwood.....	60 00	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Columbus.....	60 00	15 00
Grace Church, Canton.....	50 00	10 00
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall.....	50 00	10 00
St. Peter's Church, Oxford.....	50 00	10 00
Chapel of the Cross, Madison.....	40 00	10 00
St. John's Church, Early Grove.....	30 00	5 00
St. Alban's Church, Bovina.....	40 00	10 00
Epiphany Church, Claiborne.....	20 00	5 00
St. John's Church, Aberdeen.....	20 00	5 00
St. Matthew's Church, Clinton.....	20 00	5 00
St. Mark's Church, Raymond.....	20 00	5 00
Calvary Church, Holmes.....	20 00	5 00
St. John's Church, Annadale.....	20 00	5 00
St. Luke's Church, Brandon.....	15 00	5 00
St. John's Church, Pontotoc.....	5 00	2 50
Messiah Church, Noxubee.....	10 00	5 00
Ascension Church, Hernando.....	10 00	5 00
Grace Church, Okolona.....	15 00	5 00
Christ Church, Monticello.....	10 00	5 00
St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City....	10 00	5 00
St. Luke's Church, Shieldsbrough.....	10 00	5 00
Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi.....	10 00	5 00
Church of the Savior, Osyka.....	10 00	5 00
St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf.....	5 00	5 00
Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo.....	5 00	5 00
St. James' Church, Port Gibson.....	20 00	5 00
Church of the Redemption, Hinds.....	10 00	5 00
St. Barnabas Church, Warrenton.....	10 00	5 00
St. Stephen's, Panola.....	10 00	5 00
Church of the Advent, Washington....	15 00	5 00
Grace Church, Carrollton.....	10 00	5 00
Total.....	\$2,650 00	\$400 00



The arrearages on the Bishop's salary for the past year, are as follows :

Trinity Church.....	Pass Christian .....	\$40 00
Christ Church.....	Holly Springs .....	50 00
St. Luke's .....	Lake Washington...	280 00
St. John's.....	Early Grove.....	30 00
St. John's.....	Aberdeen .....	60 00
St. John's.....	Pontotoc.....	10 00
Grace Church .....	Okolona .....	10 00
Church of Redemption.....	Biloxi.....	10 00
St. Paul's.....	Grand Gulf.....	5 00
St. James'.....	Port Gibson.....	20 00
St. Barnabas.....	Warrenton .....	10 00
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		\$525 00

Arrearages on Contingent Fund are as follows :

Christ Church.....	Vicksburg .....	\$30 00
Trinity .....	Pass Christian.....	15 00
Christ.....	Holly Springs .....	15 00
St. John's.....	Lake Washington .....	15 00
Trinity.....	Yazoo City.....	20 00
Chapel of the Cross.....	Madison County .....	10 00
St. John's.....	Aberdeen .....	5 00
St. John's .....	Pontotoc.....	5 00
Grace .....	Okolona .....	5 00
St. Mark's.....	Mississippi City.....	5 00
Redeemer .....	Biloxi .....	5 00
St. Paul's.....	Grand Gulf .....	5 00
St. James'.....	Port Gibson.....	5 00
St. John's .....	Early Grove.....	5 00
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		\$145 00

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, 1st. That upon application from St. John's Church, Pontotoc, the assessment be changed from \$10 to \$5 for Bishop's salary, and \$2 50 for contingent expenses; and that the assessment on Grace Church, Okolona, be changed from ten to fifteen dollars on same account.

*Resolved*, 2d. That the above assessments, as made by committee for Bishop's salary and contingent expenses of the Convention, be adopted and confirmed by this Convention.

*Resolved*, 3rd. That the foregoing assessments be levied on the Parishes named, for the support of the Episcopate, from July 1st, 1861 to July 1st, 1862, and the contingent expenses of the Convention, and that each Parish be requested to remit to the Treasurer of the Diocese, one-fourth of the said assessment for the Episcopate, on the first of July, October, January and April next; and be further requested to pay the assessment for contingent expenses to the Secretary of the Convention, at least one month before the day fixed for the meeting of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. B. PEGUES, Chairman.

The following report of the Special committee appointed to consider a portion of the Bishop's Address, was then presented :

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address in relation to the following circular from the Bishops of Louisiana and Georgia, a copy of which is here given as follows :

"UNIVERSITY PLACE, FRANKLIN COUNTY, TENN., )  
March 22, 1861. )

*Right Reverend and Dear Brother:—*

The rapid march of events and the change which has taken place in our civil relations seem to us, your brethren in the Episcopate, to require an early consultation among the Dioceses of the Confederate States, for the purpose of considering their relations to the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, of which they have so long been the equal and happy members. This necessity does not arise out of any dissension which has occurred within the Church itself, nor out of any dissatisfaction with either the doctrines or discipline of the Church. We rejoice to record the fact that we are to day, as Churchmen, as truly brethren as we have ever been, and that no deed has been done, nor word uttered which leaves a single wound rankling in our hearts. We are still one in Faith, in purpose, and in Hope. But political changes forced upon us by a stern necessity, have occurred, which have placed our Dio-

ceses in a position requiring consultation as to our future Ecclesiastical relations. It is better that those relations should be arranged by the common consent of all the Dioceses within the confederate States, than by the independent action of each Diocese. The one will probably lead to harmonious action; the other might produce inconvenient diversity. We propose to you, therefore, Right Reverend and dear Brother, that you recommend to your Diocesan Convention the appointment of three clerical and three lay Deputies, who, together with the Bishop of the Diocese, shall be delegates to meet an equal number of delegates from each of the Dioceses within the confederate States at Montgomery, in the Diocese of Alabama, on the third day of July next, to consult upon such matters as may have arisen out of the changes in our civil affairs. We have taken it upon ourselves to address you this circular because we happen to be together, and are the senior Bishops of the Dioceses within the confederate States.

Very truly yours in the bonds of the Episcopate,

LEONIDAS POLK,

Bishop of La.

STEPHEN ELLIOTT,

Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia.

P. S. We have named so late a day as the 3rd of July, because the Diocesan Convention of South Carolina does not meet this year until the 16th day of June.

*To the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of Mississippi:*

Said committee would respectfully report; that they have had the above circular under careful consideration, and concurring heartily in the views and course of action proposed in the same, as eminently wise and judicious, do recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That this Convention do now proceed to elect by ballot three clergymen, and three laymen, who, together with the Bishop, shall be delegates to meet an equal number of delegates from each of the Dioceses within the present Confederate States, and such others as may have joined them by that time, at Montgomery, in the Diocese of Alabama, or at such other place of meeting as may be agreed upon, on the third day of July next, or such other time as shall be agreed upon, to consult upon such matters as may have arisen out of the changes in our civil affairs, and

with full power and authority to act for this Diocese in the premises.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DABNEY MINOR, Chairman.  
JOHN DUNCAN,  
J. THOMPSON,  
W. C. CRANE,  
JAS. A. FOX.

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On motion, the foregoing resolution was adopted, and the Convention proceeded to the election of three clerical, and three lay delegates to the proposed Conference at Montgomery. Upon counting the ballots,—

The Rev. W. C. CRANE, the Rev. F. A. P. BARNARD, LL. D., the Rev. HENRY SANSOM, D. D., of the clergy; and Messrs. C. C. SHACKELFORD, JOHN DUNCAN and JACOB THOMPSON of the laity, were found to have the highest number of votes, and declared duly elected.

As *alternates* there were elected,—

The Rev. JAS. A. FOX, the Rev. BENJAMIN M. MILLER, the Rev. THOS. S. SAVAGE, of the clergy, and Messrs. W. C. SMEDES, T. E. B. PEGUES and JAS. S. JOHNSTON of the laity.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

WHEREAS, It is important that there should be a full attendance of the delegates elected to the Convention to be held in Montgomery, in July next : Therefore,

*Resolved*, That if within 15 days of said meeting, any one or more of the delegates so elected, shall find it inconvenient to attend at the time appointed; that such delegate or delegates shall give information to the Secretary, who is hereby instructed to supply the vacancy in the delegation out of the alternate elected delegates.

The committee appointed to prepare a suitable testimonial of the appreciation in which their late associate, the Rev. Dr. Ingraham, was held by the members of this Body, presented the following resolutions, which, on motion, were unanimously adopted, by a rising vote :

### RESOLUTIONS.

The committee appointed to express the feelings of this Convention, in view of the death of the Rev. Dr. Ingraham, respectfully submit to the Convention the following for its adoption :

WHEREAS, Since the last assembling of our Annual Convention, it has seemed good in the mysterious, but wise dispensations of the great Head of the Church, suddenly to remove from the field one of our most faithful and efficient fellow-laborers : Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the members of this Convention do hereby express their heartfelt sorrow at the loss of the Church militant in the death of their highly respected and beloved Brother in the Ministry, the Rev. J. H. Ingraham, LL. D., late Rector of Christ Church, Holly Springs.

*Resolved*, That in the painful circumstances connected with his death, and the mysterious fact of his being removed from his labors in the height of his usefulness, we meekly bow in acquiescence to the Providence of God, humbly acknowledging, "It is the Lord, let Him do what seemeth Him good."

*Resolved*, That in the death of our beloved Brother, the cause of Christian literature has lost a bright ornament, Christian education one of its warmest and most able supporters, and the Christian Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, one of its most active, persevering, and faithful Ministers.

*Resolved*, That while we cannot but mourn, that so bright a light has been extinguished from the courts of the Lord's house, yet we heartily thank our Heavenly Father for the good example of his servant, the rich blessings bestowed through his ministrations, and that "having finished his course in faith, he now rests from his labors," praying that we, with him, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in the eternal kingdom of our Lord.

*Resolved*, That we respectfully tender our sincere condolence to the widow and family of our departed Brother, and also to his afflicted parishioners, assuring them of our heartfelt sympathy, and earnest prayers under their severe loss.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Convention be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the bereaved family, as the sincere, but feeble expression of this Convention.

H. SANSOM, Chairman.

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On motion, the following preambles and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

**WHEREAS**, It has pleased God within the last Ecclesiastical year, to remove from time the Hon. Edward Turner, late of Natchez, this Convention to which he has frequently been a delegate, desire to express and record the high estimation they entertain for his character : Therefore,

*Resolved, unanimously*, That they have ever regarded Judge Turner as a man of sterling moral worth; who, during a long life has filled many civil offices with marked ability; and that in the Church of God where he served as senior Warden to the hour of his death, he has left the name of a just man and consistent Christian, which we shall long and affectionately cherish.

**WHEREAS**, Since our last Annual Convention, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from the Church on earth, our beloved Brother James Roach : Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the members of this Convention do hereby express their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Convention and the Church in this Diocese, by the deceased, for a long period of years, during which he faithfully served the Diocese as its Treasurer.

*Resolved*, That the character of the deceased, as an efficient and useful officer of the Convention, and as a consistent and exemplary Christian, always ready to aid, with a warm heart and liberal hand, every effort to advance the interests of the Church, is worthy of imitation, and his services and virtues are held in grateful remembrance.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Methodist and Baptist congregations in this city for the kind offer of their church buildings for religious services to-morrow.

On motion.

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this Convention be and are hereby tendered to the Parishioners of Christ Church, and the citizens of Holly Springs, for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this Convention during its session.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to have printed 1,000 copies of the Journal of this Convention.

On motion, it was ordered that the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Society be printed with the Journal.

On motion, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That the Bishop be and hereby is requested to appoint a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, to be observed throughout the Diocese, in view of the unnatural war which has been proclaimed against the Confederate States, and of the many and great dangers with which as a Nation we are threatened.

Whereupon, the Bishop appointed for this observance Friday, the 17th of May, 1861.

No further business appearing before the Convention, a motion to adjourn prevailed.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese then delivered a closing address, and after prayer and benediction, declared the Thirty-fifth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi, adjourned *sine die*.

WM. CROES CRANE, Secretary.

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CHRIST CHURCH, HOLLY SPRINGS, {  
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1861. }

At 11 A. M.—Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Fox and Miller, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Crane. Ten persons were confirmed, and the Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Fox, Miller, and Crane. The proceeds of the offertory were appropriated to the Missions of the Diocese.

At 4 P. M.—Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. Savage, and the Rev. Mr. Boyd, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Perry. Holy Baptism was administered by the Bishop to one adult and three infants.

At 8 P. M.—The Service was performed by the Rev. Messrs. Rottenstein and Crane, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Sansom. Two persons were confirmed.

The Baptist and Methodist Houses of Worship, having been kindly offered to the Convention, after Morning Prayer at 11 o'clock, a Sermon was preached in the former, by the Rev. Dr. Perry, and in the latter by the Rev. Mr. Fontaine.

At 8 P. M., after Evening Prayer, a Sermon was preached in the Methodist Church, by the Rev. Mr. Miller.

## APPENDIX.

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### Bishop's Journal and Address.

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DEAR BRETHREN :

An eventful year has passed over us since we last took counsel together. Our political sky has for some time been overcast by clouds of the most threatening aspect; but a strong and merciful arm has thus far either suspended or turned aside their bolts. The revolution which has been forced upon us, has been effected in a manner no less wonderful than grateful to every heart. What may yet be in reserve for us, we cannot tell. In the hands of the wise and merciful God of Nations, we must leave our country, with the earnest supplications of Christian hearts, and the firm resolves of patriots trusting in the righteousness of their cause.

But whilst the State is thus passing through the fires of a painful revolution, how thankful should we be that the Church is at peace; and that although our political relations towards our brethren with whom we have hitherto so lovingly associated have been severed, no change of name, of government, or national interest, will be able to lessen our affection for them as fellow-members with us of the One, Holy, and Apostolic Communion which is in Christ Our Lord. If a separate and independent Ecclesiastical organization shall be demanded by the change in our political relations, it will exhibit to the world a division without dissension, a separation without injury to the respective parts, a parting of brothers amid tears of affection, and with a mutual commending of each other to God.

In what a beautiful light will such action exhibit the Catholic Spirit of the Church. Unmoved by the changes and chances of the political world, she pursues the even tenor of her way, holding forth to every age and nation the bread of God, untainted by the leaven of party strife, and rich in all the blessings of a purchased redemption.



But whilst we thankfully bless God for the peace and quietness and unbroken love in our Zion, we cannot but mournfully call to mind the late chastening of his hand in taking from a Sister Diocese her beloved Bishop. Of this dearly-beloved Brother, I cannot here say less than that so long as a meek and gentle spirit, a loving heart, a judicious head, an ardent zeal to win souls to Christ, and a firm and consistent maintenance of the principles of the Church shall be valued, so long will the name of Cobbs be associated in memory with those of Andrews and Hall, and Ken, and Leighton, and Griswold.

Nor has our own Diocese been without a like visitation. In the death of the late Pastor of this Church, in which we are now assembled, we have lost an active and efficient laborer, whose place it will be difficult to fill.

(*May, 6th.*) Next succeeding our last Convention, I instituted the Rev. William C. Crane into the Parish of St. Andrew's as Rector of the same. The sermon of the occasion was preached at my request by the Rev. Dr. Ingraham. This I believe is the first time that this impressive and appropriate rite has been performed in this Diocese. Much is the neglect of it to be deplored. When our people shall have lost their present roving spirit, and acquired the strong and hereditary local attachments of our brethren of the older Dioceses, it is to be hoped that every Parish capable of giving a comfortable support to a Minister will thus add the sanctions of this holy office to the bonds which bind them and their Pastor to each other.

On the following Friday, (*May 11th*) I set out on a visitation of some of the upper river counties.

On Lake Washington remained four days, visiting the several families of St. John's Parish.

*Sunday, (13th.)* Preached to a moderately sized congregation in the Church; and in the afternoon to a large and attentive assemblage of blacks, at Mr. C. F. Hampton's. The interests of the Church at this place have been for some years at a stand, if not declining, for the want of a Pastor. A new zeal however has lately been infused into them through the active exertions of two Ladies of the congregation: a sufficient salary has been subscribed for the support of a Minister, and measures begun for immediately building or purchasing a Rectory.

On *Tuesday, (15th.)* I passed up by land to Greenville, and preached in the Court-house on the following Friday evening. On my way I was pleased to find several Church

families, and to hear them express their earnest desire to bring the ministrations of the Church within their reach. After spending two days in visiting in the neighborhood of Greenville, and baptizing *three* children, I passed over to Deer Creek, where I preached twice—on Sunday 20th, (in the forenoon to the whites, and in the afternoon to the blacks,) baptized *one* adult and *one* child, and confirmed *one* person. The next day I baptized *two* other children. I was pleased to see in the congregation generally, a desire to obtain the regular services of a Minister, if it were only for one half his time. And assurances were given me that the necessary amount would be promptly raised. An equal amount was pledged by the friends of the Church around Greenville, for the other half of his services.

On my way up the Creek, on the 22nd I administered authoritative baptism to an adult, who had been already confirmed, but who had since become justly dissatisfied with her previous baptism by one of the sects.

*May, 23rd.* I visited the plantation of Alex. Hamilton Polk, and baptized *one* white adult, and *twenty-one* colored children.

*May 24th.* I confirmed *one* white adult, and baptized *one* white infant; and on same day, baptized *forty-nine* colored children, nearly all of whom were the property of Hon. William Yerger.

Want of time prevented me from visiting several friends and families of the Church in that neighborhood.

On *Friday 25th.* I reached the residence of Gen. Grant, in Coahoma County, but did not preach, as the uncertain movements of the steamboats had made me unwilling to risk an appointment beforehand.

*Sunday, 27th.* I was enabled to reach Friar's Point, just as the congregation had assembled. Quite a large number was in attendance, as this was the first time that many present had ever witnessed our services. There are three or four families in this neighborhood attached to the Church; but they do not feel themselves strong enough to make any effort towards obtaining a Minister, or erecting a place of worship.

*Wednesday, 30th.* I reached Hernando. I preached the next day, and confirmed *three* persons:—*one* very aged candidate having received that rite in private, on the previous evening.

I was pleased to see that the zealous labors of Mr. Wel-ler are likely to be no less beneficial than acceptable to this Parish.

On *Friday, 31st.* I preached at Senatobia, some fifteen miles lower down the M. & Tennessee R. Road, in a store-house temporarily fitted up for religious services. The room was well filled with a large and orderly congregation. The subject of my discourse, on this, as on several previous occasions, when visiting a place for the first time, was, "*The Church of Christ in its divine and authoritative character.*" I was listened to with deep attention; and without offence to any. In the afternoon, at the request of a Christian friend, I made an address to his pupils in the Female Academy.

*Saturday, June 1st.* I preached in the Presbyterian place of worship at Sardis, to a small congregation;—there being two other places of worship open at the same hour within a short distance. A worthy lady from Virginia, together with her two daughters, make up the "few names" which the Church has in this place.

The same evening I reached Panola; but was compelled immediately to take to my bed, as the fever against which I had been struggling for three days, demanded attention. The prompt medical aid which I received enabled me to preach once the next day, to confirm *seven* persons, and to preside at a meeting of the friends of the Church, for the purpose of organizing a Parish. This object was affected under most encouraging circumstances. A Vestry was formed of nine of the principal citizens of the place; and the name of the first Martyr for Christ, (St. Stephen) was adopted for their Parish. A Church Sunday School was organized at the same time by the appointment of a well-qualified Superintendent; and a sufficient sum contributed for the purchase of a library and books of instruction. A liberal friend of the Church offers a spacious and beautiful lot for a Church and Burying ground; and it is hoped that the congregation will not be long without a House to offer unto God.

My remaining appointments for this visitation were for Oxford, Coffeeville, Brooke's Chapel, Grenada, and Carrollton. But I was so worn down by the labors of the last three weeks, and by the heat of the sun, that I felt compelled most reluctantly to recal them, and hasten home.

*Sunday, June 10th.* I assisted the Rev. Mr. Crane in the services of the morning, and preached for him at night.

*Friday, 15th.* I was this day, by appointment, to visit St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood; but was detained at home by sickness.

*Saturday, 16th.* Gave "Letters Dimissory" in favor of Rev. B. R. S. Bræmond, to the Missionary Bishop of Arkansas.

*Saturday, 23rd.* Visited Monticello, where I preached the next day in the Court-house, and confirmed *one* person. The condition of this little flock, as well as the interests of the place generally, has suffered much by the removal of a large part of its population. Were it not for the active and zealous exertions of one devoted layman (Judge Vannerson), there would at this time be scarcely a remnant left to us. The few who remain are ready, according to the full measure of their ability, to contribute to the support of a Missionary.

*Thursday, 28th.* In St. Andrew's Church, united a couple in the holy estate of matrimony.

*Friday, 29th.* Visited the Artesian Springs; and during a brief stay, baptized *two* infants.

*Saturday, 30th.* I reached Kirkwood, and preached twice the next day:—in the forenoon to the white congregation, and to the blacks in the afternoon. On the former occasion *three* persons were confirmed. Before the commencement of the morning service, I made a short address to the Rector's Sunday School, and examined them on a part of the Church Catechism. I was gratified not only at finding this rural Parish in a healthy condition, but at witnessing the prosperous state of the Rector's School. No more suitable place than this could well be desired by Parents for the education of their daughters. The admitted healthfulness of the spot, its seclusion from all temptations to mispend either money or time, the very limited number of pupils,—the refined society with which they associate in their leisure hours,—and the advantages for religious instruction which they abundantly enjoy, joined to the well-known abilities and conscientious devotion of Mr. & Mrs. Downing to the welfare of their charge;—all these combine to make no small claim upon the attention of Parents and Guardians.

*July 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th*—Was spent in the Parish of the Chapel of the Cross. Although several families of the congregation had left home for the Summer, the attendance on Sunday, 8th, was large both in the forenoon and afternoon. This Parish has now been without a Pastor for several months. The Rev. Dr. Sansom, after laboring among them most efficiently as well as faithfully for nearly seven years, felt called to take in its place a new and more prom-

ising field, viz: St. Alban's, Warren County. The good effect of his ministrations to this colored flock were abundantly manifested on the present occasion. As many as could obtain seats pressed into the services of the morning; and the Church was crowded in the afternoon by a throng of apparently eager listeners and devout worshippers. With the exception of the "Psalter, the full Evening Service was performed by them." Every required response was promptly and correctly made. The "Confession" and "Lord's Prayer" and "Creed," were repeated distinctly and with one voice. And the Anthems ("*Jubilate* and *Benedic*") were chanted with a heartiness that might well put to shame the listless indifference with which many a congregation amongst us leaves that most beautiful and devotional part of our stated worship to a band of hired singers, or at best, to a select choir; as though the praise from proxied lips were a fit offering to Him who can be worshipped only in spirit and in truth. During the services, *two* colored children were baptized; and *one* person was confirmed. Several others were desirous of receiving this holy rite, but had not as yet obtained the consent of their owners. On leaving the Church, the question was put to me by many voices, "When will you send us another Minister?"—with the addition, "Please send us one like Mr. Sansom."

I was no little pleased before I left the Parish, to learn that a sufficient sum had been subscribed for erecting a Schoolhouse, as well as a Rectory, and that the work will soon be begun.

*Sunday, 15th.* I assisted the Rev. Mr. Crane in the services of the morning; and in the afternoon preached at the Lunatic Asylum. The order and quietness of these afflicted creatures was equal to that of the most highly favored congregation. How far they entered into the prayers and praises of the occasion, or how much they comprehended of the Word preached to them, is known only to Him who, for his own wise purposes, has been pleased to darken and obstruct the avenues to their understanding.

*Thursday, 19th.* At the request of Rev. Mr. Crane, I gave the blessing of Confirmation to *two* of his Parishioners in private.

*Friday, 20th.* Gave "Letters Dimissory," in favor of Rev. John Gierlow, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Diocese of Louisiana.

*Friday, 27th.* I baptized in St. Andrew's Church, *two* adults and *two* infants,—the Rector acting as one of the sponsors and witnesses.

*Saturday, 28th.* I received Henry G. Perry as a Candidate for Orders.

*Sunday, 29th.* In St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, I conferred the office of Priesthood upon the Rev. M. Leander Weller, and Rev. William F. Adams; and gave Deacon's Orders to John Charles Adams, M. D. The Sermon was preached, at my request, by the Rev. Dr. Sansom; the Candidates being presented by Rev. Mr. Crane, and the Rev. Mr. Elwell, assisting in the services.

*Friday, August 3rd.* Confirmed *one* person in St. Andrew's Church.

*Sunday, 5th.* I was, by appointment to have been in Shieldsborough on this day; but was providentially detained at home by the extreme illness of one of my family.

*Thursday, 9th.* Transferred the Rev. Gilbert B. Hayden to Diocese of Michigan.

*Friday, 24th.* Conducted Evening Prayers for Rev. Mr. Crane in St. Andrew's Church, and baptized an infant son of the Rev. T. D. Ozanne.

*Sunday, 26th.* I preached in the same Church, and confirmed *two* persons.

*Sunday, Sept. 2nd.* Was spent in attendance on the fast-failing health of one as dear to my soul as mortal could be. And on the following Lord's Day, surrounded by the children whom God had given us, I commended her departing spirit to Him who gave it, and had washed it from all stain in his own most precious blood. "It is the Lord, let him do what seemeth him good."

*Sept. 14th.* Admitted Edmund C. Laughlin as a Candidate for the Ministry.

The remainder of this month was, by appointment, to have been given to the several places on the Gulf Coast. On my way through New Orleans, I was taken with the "Dengue," and received also such accounts of the difficulty of reaching those places since the then recent and unprecedented storm as compelled me to return home.

*Sunday, Oct. 1st.* I was to have been at St. Alban's, but was providentially prevented. This I deeply regretted at the time, as a large class of Candidates, both black and white, had been prepared for the rite of Confirmation.

On the following *Wednesday, (3rd)* I visited that Parish, and confirmed such of the Candidates as could be got together upon so short a notice. The weather was unfavorable, and the congregation small. Being too weak to stand, I made an address to the Candidates from my chair,

and then gave the "Laying on of Hands" to *seven* whites and *one* colored person.

*Monday, 2nd.* I united a couple in matrimony, in St. Andrew's Church.

*Friday, 5th.* I set out for Sewanee, to attend the Laying of the Corner-Stone of the "University of the South."

*Saturday and Sunday, (the 6th and 7th)* were spent at Corinth. On my way I was joined by the Rev. Mr. Douglas of Louisiana, who kindly took upon himself much of the labor which I would otherwise have had to perform. Divine Service was held twice on Saturday, and three times on Sunday. Although "in much weakness," I was enabled to preach twice, to confirm *two* persons, and to administer the Holy Communion. The Rev. William H. Burton, who has been in charge of the Parish about six months, appears to be laboring with much acceptableness to this little flock, and to one or two of the adjoining villages. The chief obstacle in the way of his progress, is the want of a suitable place of worship. One half of the sum necessary for erecting a becoming Temple for the Lord, has been subscribed; for the other half appeal must be made to the larger and more favored Parishes of the Diocese.

From Corinth I proceeded to the chosen site of the "University of the South," where the Trustees had been summoned to meet for the two-fold purpose of laying the Corner-Stone of the first and principal building, and of perfecting and ratifying the Constitution and Statutes informally adopted at a previous meeting. Both of these objects, I am thankful to say, were accomplished under the benignant smile of an overruling Providence. Of the particulars of that day which witnessed the Laying of the first stone of our magnificent enterprize, I will not here speak. You may have learned them long since from almost every public print in our land. This only will I say, that so long as Learning, and Religion, and Patriotism, and the Church of God, shall have a place in the hearts of our countrymen, so long will the 10th of October, 1860, be remembered with a gratitude no words can express, and which will gather strength with each successive age. The Constitution and Statutes, as then amended and adopted, are herewith laid upon your table, to receive, as I trust, the same measure of approbation from this body individually and collectively which has been already cheerfully accorded not only by other portions of our Church, but by the voice of public opinion, and the general consent of

the Learned Educationists; both of our own and of foreign lands. Nothing now seems wanting to full and speedy success but the increase of our subscription list so auspiciously begun a year or two ago. Let me here repeat the confident hope which I have heretofore and often expressed, that when the Authorized Agents of that noble enterprize shall present its claims upon the friends of Education and of the Church in Mississippi, we shall not fall behind the example which has been set us in our neighboring Dioceses.

On my way home I spent a day (*Tuesday, 16th*) at Holly Springs, for the purpose of looking into the condition of St. Thomas' Hall. And I here record with thankfulness, the pleasure experienced in finding this adopted child of the Diocese once more in a healthy state, and with every promise of strength and growth. The untiring exertions of the Rev. Dr. Ingraham to repair and beautify the premises, and to re-fit and furnish the interior have been crowned with deserved success. Nor has he been less favored in securing the services of a suitable Superintendent. The reputation which Mr. Sears brings with him from other and like institutions, affords the fullest recommendation and guaranty to the Parents and Guardians within our Diocese. Already has he made an auspicious beginning. Let me earnestly commend both him and his work to the patronage of the Diocese.

*Sunday, 21st.* I had sent out an appointment for this day at Osyka; but finding that it had failed to reach its destination, I remained at home, and assisted the Rector of St. Andrew's in the services of the day.

*Wednesday, 24th.* In much feebleness of health, I set out on my Eastern Visitation, and reached Enterprize the following morning at 3 o'clock.

My first appointment, as arranged by Rev. Mr. Stewart, was for "State Line Depot," near the Southern end of the "Mobile and Ohio R. Road." On reaching that place, I found that no notice had been given for any services. Two days of rest and quiet thus allowed me, were pleasantly and I trust not unprofitably spent with the family of Col. Gaines.

*Sunday and Monday, 28th and 29th.* Were given to Enterprize. Owing to increased indisposition, I preached once only;—but was enabled to visit many of the families of the place and neighborhood. One person was confirmed. There is not here much wealth among our friends; but there is not wanting a zealous affection for the Church of Christ.



If they could only erect a suitable place of worship for themselves, they could not fail to prosper and increase. The Rev. Mr. Stewart resides here, but does not give to them much more than a fourth of his time, having also in charge seven other places along the line of the R. Road.

I next visited Quitman on the 30th, but was too unwell to officiate. Mr. Stewart preached in my stead on Tuesday night in the Baptist Place of Worship. With regular monthly or semi-monthly services, a congregation zealous in spirit, though small in numbers, might be gathered in this village. As in many other places, the undue excitement practised and encouraged by some of the sects is here evidently preparing the way for the subdued devotion of our Liturgy, and the sound teachings of our Pulpit.

On *Thursday, 1st of December*, I was to officiate at Meridian; but the continued rain of that day, joined to the feeble state of my health, prevented my meeting the appointment.

The following *Sunday, 4th*. Was given to Marion Depot. I preached in the forenoon, Mr. Stewart assisting in the services, and preaching also in the afternoon.

The days of rest enjoyed in the neighborhood of this place, under the roof of Judge Chapman, were of much benefit to me, enabling me with improved health to proceed on my visitation.

My appointment for Lauderdale Springs, fell unfortunately on the day of the Presidential Election. I at first determined that I would make no attempt to collect a congregation out of such an excited multitude; but subsequently resolved to attend at the appointed hour. Some thirty or forty persons were present, and gave close attention to both Sermon and Services, as well as to the rite of Confirmation which was administered to *one* of their number, and to the Sacrament of Baptism administered to *an* infant.

Accompanied by Mr. Stewart, I reached DeKalb on *Thursday, 8th*. Services had been appointed for both that day and the next, but a cold and incessant rain prevented us from calling the people together. On the evening (9th) before our departure, a small congregation, consisting chiefly of the Pupils of Mrs. Hampton, was collected in that Lady's parlor. After services by Mr. Stewart, I made an address to the young people, and confirmed *two* of their number. We were compelled by other engagements to leave the place the next morning, without any opportunity for public services, or for visiting the people.

*Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th.* Were given to the Church of the Messiah. Assisted by Mr. Stewart, I preached on Sunday, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon the rite of Confirmation was administered to one of the congregation, at his own house, and in the presence of a number of his friends and neighbors. This Parish is evidently on the increase. Several Church families have recently been added to the neighborhood;—a general desire to do what they can for Christ prevails throughout the congregation;—and their neat little Church, though erected but a few years ago, proves already too small for their ordinary congregations. Still more good might be effected in this rural parish if the Rev. Mr. Stewart could give to it a larger portion of his time. But this cannot be done until another Missionary can be found to take off his hands one half of the places at which he now officiates.

From this place I passed accompanied by Mr. Stewart, to Columbus, on *Monday, the 12th.* At Columbus, I was pleased to meet, beside the Rector, the Rev. Messrs. Wattson and Clute, and the Rev. Dr. Barnard. Divine Service was held twice a day—on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, each of the Clergy preaching in turn. On Thursday, the new Church edifice, (St. Paul's) was solemnly consecrated and set apart to the service of Almighty God, the Rev. Dr. Barnard, by request, preaching the Sermon for the occasion. Of this building I have before spoken as one that would grace even the largest and wealthiest of our cities. It is indeed a matter of wonder as well as of thankfulness, that a congregation so small, and by no means abounding in wealth, should have been able to erect such a Temple for their use. The number assembled on this occasion was more than the building could contain, and appeared to be duly impressed with the solemnity and appropriateness of the Consecration Services.

*On Friday, the 15th.* I gave to the Rev. George Stewart, (*Deacon*) authority to execute the office of *Priest* in the Church of God. In both the Ordination and Communion Service, I was assisted by Rev. Messrs. Barnard, Gibson and Clute. The sermon was preached by myself. During the services of those four days, *seven* persons renewed in Confirmation the solemn vows taken upon them in their baptism. On looking back to the condition of this Parish as I first saw it ten years ago, I could not but feel truly thankful for what God has been pleased to do for it.

Many and severe have been its trials; and often have its few but faithful hearts been tempted to despair. Now they have reason to praise God for his goodness, and may take courage to press on in his service. The energetic labors of their present Pastor can hardly fail of bringing a blessing to them.

*On Saturday, 17th.* I reached Aberdeen, in company with Rev. Dr. Barnard. Mr. Gibson, having preceded us, preached twice that day. Of the three sermons preached the next day, (Sunday 18th) two were by Dr. Barnard, and one by myself. Seven persons were confirmed. Signs of progress were plainly visible in this Parish. In no congregation of the Diocese is true pastoral care and the sound teachings of the Church likely to meet with a richer reward.

From Aberdeen I proceeded to Okolona, accompanied by Messrs. Barnard and Gibson. Services were held in the Church on *Tuesday and Wednesday*, (20th and 21st) the rain preventing anything of the kind on Thursday. On Wednesday afternoon I preached to the blacks in St. Cyprian's Chapel, but was not gratified, as on former occasions, by seeing a goodly number of them coming forward for Confirmation. This, however, is not to be wondered at, as they have had but little pastoral attention during the past year; and for the last five months have been without any religious services. They were as usual, deeply attentive to the words spoken, and my heart yearned for another and a speedy opportunity of preaching Christ to them. I was glad to make such arrangement with Rev. Mr. Clute, before I left the Parish, as will secure to them for the present year a portion of his services. On Friday morning, although the rain and the cold combined to prevent it, a small number met me at the Church, when one person was confirmed. The address to the Candidate was made to take the place of a more formal discourse.

During my stay in the Parish, I twice visited "Rose Gates College," in charge of Rev. Dr. Lacey. The progress of this important and promising Institution has been materially retarded by the unfaithfulness of the mechanics employed, and by the amount of indebtedness which the Trustees have been forced to incur in order to complete the buildings. Were this debt paid, there would be no perceptible hindrance to its rapid advancement, as the known ability and long experience of Dr. Lacey in conducting such an Institution can hardly fail to attract pupils, now

that he is ready to receive them. It was my intention to visit the College once more before I left the Parish, and to address the Pupils, but the unusual inclemency of the weather prevented it. Much praise is due not only to Col. Gates for presenting to the Church the grounds and unfinished building, but to the Trustees also for their exertions towards completing and fitting it for use. In this labor of love they deserve the aid as well as the approbation of their brethren in other parts of the Diocese.

I reached Pontotoc on *Friday Evening*, (23rd) and next morning together with four members of the family, with whom I was staying, went to officiate in the Church according to appointment. After waiting a long time for others to join us, we had to ourselves the enjoyment of our excellent, soul-inspiring Liturgy. The intense coldness of the day, together with the sickness of some of the congregation, accounted for the absence of the rest.

On *Sunday*, (25th) I preached both in the forenoon and at night. My heart was much drawn out for this little flock. Among them are some true worshippers of God, and some dear lovers of his Church; but they have not the ability to support a Pastor. For some years past they have, by associating with Okolona, enjoyed a portion of a Minister's services. But within the last year the Rev. Mr. Clute has determined to give all his time to the congregation at Okolona. They are thus left without any opportunity of uniting their common supplications unto God, and of hearing His Word. I could only promise to pray for them, and to serve them as God's Providence might hereafter put it in my power.

On *Monday*, (26th) after a ride of twelve hours in the cold and rain, I reached Oxford, on my way to several of the lower Parishes.

*Wednesday*, (28th) was spent in visiting some families in Grenada, and its vicinity. On *Thursday*, I officiated at a private residence eight miles distant, baptizing and confirming *one* adult, and delivering an address on the nature of those holy Ordinances. I was accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Adams, who assisted in the services of the occasion. In this neighborhood are several highly intelligent families attached to the doctrine and worship of the Church. I hope that with prompt and united action they will ere long provide themselves with a suitable House of Worship, as well as assist in rearing one in Grenada.

At eight o'clock that same evening, I preached in Grenada, in the Methodist Church, kindly offered for that purpose. The time has not quite come for the establishment of our services in this place; but I have a confident hope that that day is not far distant. The Rev. Dr. Adams has officiated here some three or four times only; but will increase his services after the present year.

From Grenada I proceeded to Carrollton, visiting several families by the way, as well as after arriving in that place.

On *Saturday* night, and twice on *Sunday*, (Dec. 2nd) I preached in the Presbyterian Church, kindly tendered for the occasion. On the forenoon of *Sunday*, the holy rites of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Lord's Supper, were administered. And our services, though unusually lengthened out, were witnessed with patient and deep attention by crowded congregations. During my stay, I had the gratification of Confirming *five* persons, and of giving authoritative baptism to *four* children and *four* adults who had previously received that Sacrament only in its forms. Three others were prepared for the Apostolic "Laying on of Hands," but were absent from unavoidable causes. It is only five months since the Rev. Dr. Adams assumed the Missionary charge of this place; but already is he beginning to see the fruit of his zealous labors and sound instructions. Avoiding on the one hand, all temporizing expedients to win popular favor, and on the other whatever might needlessly offend public opinion, or wound the feelings of a Christian brother, he has presented the Church to that people; in her integrity as well as her purity, without the least mutilation of her services, or concealment of her doctrines. The result of this has so far been a degree of favor and success not often met with under ordinary circumstances. Much inconvenience, if not hindrance, must for some time be endured by this little flock, from the want of a House of Worship of their own. Up to the present time, the Court-house has been their only place of assembling together. But already their thoughts are beginning to turn towards the erection of a becoming Temple to the Lord. May His blessing accompany and crown their intent.

A few miles after leaving the town, I stopped by the way-side, and administered Confirmation to a member of the congregation who was prevented from attending the services of the preceding day.

A short time after Dr. Adams' arrival, a Parish was duly organized, under the title of "Grace Church."

*Monday, (3rd.)* I reached Calvary Parish, having been joined by Rev. Mr. Halsted, on the way. The two following days were days of comparative rest.

*On Thursday, the 6th.* I preached to a large and deeply attentive congregation; baptized *one* adult, and Confirmed *six* persons. Of the number thus taking upon themselves the vows of a holy life, three were heads of families, and a fourth was the mother of six children. During my stay in the Parish, I was enabled to visit most of the families belonging to it.

*Friday, 7th,* found me in the neighborhood of Sidon, on the Yazoo River. In this place Mr. Halsted had preached some three or four times, and excited among several families a desire to know more of the Church, and to enjoy her ministrations. At his request I had consented to accompany him at this time, and see for myself what could be done to meet the wants of so intelligent a people,—a people that seemed indeed to be in need of nothing but the sound teaching and valid ordinances of the Church of God. Saturday and Monday were spent pleasantly, and I hope, not unprofitably in visiting most of the families in the neighborhood. On Sunday, I preached above Sidon, in a house built not many years since for the use of all denominations, but like most of such buildings fallen sadly to decay, with no special claim upon any one to keep it in repair. The congregation, though not large, was very attentive, and apparently much interested in the discourse, which was intended to set before them the nature of Christ's Church, and the Scriptural and Apostolic character of that branch of it at whose altar we serve. I am not without hope that the wealthy and intelligent families residing within reach of this place will, ere long, by erecting a becoming House for God's Worship, supply almost the only desideratum which their present blessings leave them room to ask for.

On my way home I spent a day in the Parish of Grace Church, and baptized *one* infant.

*On Friday, the 14th of December,* I reached Jackson, after a laborious visitation of nearly eight weeks, undertaken in feeble health, and carried on in great weakness, and through much unfavorable weather. Truly thankful was I not only for the measure of ability which had been afforded me to meet nearly all of my appointments, but to find my health better at the end than at the beginning of my journey.

*Sunday, 16th*, I assisted the Rev. Mr. Crane in the Services of the morning.

The day following, I was summoned unexpectedly and painfully to Holly Springs, to witness the last moments of my worthy and much-loved Presbyter, the Rev. Joseph H. Ingraham, LL. D. The mysterious stroke by which he was so suddenly cut down in the midst of a most active and useful life, has been made known to the world; but to those only who closely marked his ministerial career, and knew him in his more private hours, in his boundless charities, in his domestic relations, in his untiring labors for the promotion of all that was good, and, to crown the whole,—in the heavenly-minded and triumphant spirit in which he bore his last sufferings, and met his last summons,—to those only is it given to know how bright an example of fervent piety and of active and successful labor has thus been withdrawn from the eyes of the Church. Whilst the “ways of Zion mourn” over the removal of such a workman, there is left us the confident belief that in the great day of reward, his work will appear to the glory of Him who redeemed and enabled him; and will call forth the blissful approval, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” In the melancholy services of the occasion, it was a gratification to me, no less than to the family of the deceased, to be assisted by my beloved brother the Bishop of Tennessee. And still more was I pleased to see a whole community, without distinction of name or condition, testifying by unwearied attentions and a deep sympathy and sorrow, their interest in one who had been to each and all of them a friend.

*On the 17th of December*, I put forth a “Pastoral Letter” and Prayer, with the view of approving, and of recommending to the Diocese the serious and prayerful observance of the Day of Fasting and Humiliation appointed by the Executive of our State; and also with the hope of allaying in some measure that bitterness of spirit which had been aroused among our people by the hostile position of a large portion of our late happy “Union.”

*December 22nd*, I gave “Dimissory Letters” to Rev. J. Newton Wattson, desiring to return to the Diocese of Maryland.

*Dec. 25th*. (Christmas Day) It was my privilege on this blessed festival to unite with the Rector and congregation of St. Andrew's Church, in celebrating the memorial which our Lord has commanded us to make in remembrance

of his blessed passion and precious death. In the evening I preached, at the request of the Rector.

*Friday, 28th.* Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Elwell, I set out for Hillsborough, the Seat of Justice of Scott County. Three or four families having recently removed from Georgia into this neighborhood, and having expressed an earnest desire for the ministrations of the Church, Mr. Elwell, at my request, had visited them several times, and entertained some hope of getting together a regular Parish among them. The impatience of a hack-driver compelled us to lose a day at a Depot on the R. Road, thereby cutting me off from several visits which I designed to pay previous to my officiating on the coming Lord's Day. We consequently did not reach Hillsborough before Saturday evening; about which time a heavy fall of snow commenced, and continued without abatement the whole of the next day. But notwithstanding the unusual inclemency of the weather, we waded through the snow to the Court-house, our appointed place of meeting, where we found a congregation of two women and two children. With this small number—scarcely enough to come under the Savior's promise, we went through the whole of our beautiful Service. And never, amid crowded benches, under vaulted roof, or accompanied by the organ's peal, did its sublime and devotional strains seem more suitable or more impressive than in that Hall of Justice, amidst that freezing atmosphere, and with two voices only to respond to our own. Being compelled to set out on our return early the next morning, we were thus prevented by the weather not only from preaching to the people, but also from visiting any of the families beyond that by which we were kindly entertained. So mysteriously, though wisely, does a Divine Providence work out His Will, while seemingly preventing it.

My next appointment was at Brandon on the following *Sunday, January, 6th, 1861*, being the Festival of the Epiphany. Several families were visited on Saturday; and on Sunday I preached, confirmed *two* persons, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Elwell. I have a good hope that as soon as the present unsettled state of things shall have passed away, this people will erect for themselves a Place of Worship worthy to be dedicated to the Hearer of Prayer.

*Sunday, 13th*, was given to Osyka. In the forenoon I preached, and confirmed *two* persons. And in the afternoon addressed the children of the Sunday School. Perceiving



many of the Parents of the children present, and also a large number of colored persons, I endeavored to give such shape to my remarks as might, with the Divine blessing, be "a word in season" to one and all. The zealous labors of two or three members of this little flock have gathered together a Sunday School of more than forty children, and are thus drawing towards the Church the kindly notice of many, both in the Village and neighborhood, who were previously either ignorant of her character, or in various degrees prejudiced against her. Most gladly would I, if in my power, supply this faithful little band of worshippers and laborers with a larger portion of Pastoral Service. The Rev. Dr. Spencer gives to them at present only one Sunday in each month.

*Monday*, the 14<sup>th</sup>, was spent in making myself acquainted with several families in the place whom I had not as yet visited. At 7 o'clock, P. M., I united a couple in the bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed, as should be, in the Church: and I was no little gratified at perceiving the favorable effect produced upon all present: many of whom had never before witnessed that solemn and impressive rite as administered by our Church.

I left Osyka at 12 o'clock that night, and passed up to Summit by 2 o'clock next morning. My object in stopping at this place was to spend a few hours in becoming acquainted with the friends of the Church, and in ascertaining their wants and wishes as to a supply of Missionary Service. I was glad to find them both able and willing to engage a portion of a Missionary's time, and that they entertain the hope of soon building a Church edifice for themselves. A liberal member of the congregation offers an eligible lot for the purpose, in addition to a generous contribution in material for building. The high and healthy location of this place makes it a most desirable site for a Church School, as well as for the establishment of a permanent Parish.

*Friday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>.* Reached the neighborhood of Raymond. Next morning, baptized a *child* of the Rev. Mr. Fontaine. Spent that day, accompanied by Mr. Fontaine, in visiting the families of the Parish. Preached on Sunday forenoon to a large and very attentive congregation. The interests of this Parish appear to be looking up since it was taken in charge by Mr. Fontaine, a few months ago. The way is now open for much good to be done by the regular services of a resident Minister.

After an hour's rest, I rode eight miles over to Clinton,

and preached in the afternoon, assisted by Rev. Mr. Ellwell in the services. The rite of Confirmation was received by *one* person. Two others were desirous of doing the same, but were prevented by sickness and unavoidable absence.

After concluding my discourse, I catechised the children of the Sunday School.

*Friday, 25th.* Spent this day and the following in visiting the families within the Parish of St. Alban's.

*Sunday, 27th.* Preached;—confirmed *thirty-one persons*, (four white and twenty-seven colored) and administered the Holy Communion. I was assisted in the several services by the Rector (Dr. Sansom) and the Rev. Mr. Fox. The Church was filled with an attentive and apparently devout congregation. The continued and rapid growth of this Parish affords ground for thankfulness not only to its own members, its Pastor and Bishop, but to all who take pleasure in the prosperity of our Zion. It is only about three years since it was organized, out of a population committed for the most part, to the several denominations;—and yet, within that period, from one family containing two or three communicants, it has attained to such prosperity as to number on its Parish Register, 137 Baptisms, mostly adults, 86 Confirmations, and 82 Communicants. Before leaving the Parish, I baptized in private the *twin* infants of one of its families.

*Friday, Feb. 1st.* In St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, I Confirmed *one person* at the hour of Evening Prayer.

*Sunday, 3rd.* I was by appointment to have officiated at Terry, but was detained at home by the illness of a friend. Three days afterwards I performed the mournful duty of committing to the earth the mortal part of that beloved friend and Sister, (Mrs. Caroline M. Crane). This is no time nor place to eulogize the dead. But when a woman has both faithfully and efficiently filled for twenty-five years the difficult office of a Pastor's wife, her memory may well claim from us the tribute of a passing notice.

*Sunday, 10th.* I was, by promise to have preached for the Rev. Mr. Crane, but was prevented by a heavy and continuous fall of rain.

*Wednesday, 13th.* (Ash Wednesday) I preached and performed the services of the day for the Rector of St. Andrew's Church.

*On Friday, 15th.* I set out to visit the newly organized "Church of the Redemption," Hinds County, expecting to

preach there the next day, and at the "Chapel of the Cross," the day following. But after getting ten miles on my way, I was constrained by want of health to return home.

*Wednesday, 20th.* Transferred the Rev. Andrew Matthews to the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese of Tennessee.

On the following day I set out on my Southern visitation, intending however to meet one or two appointments in Yazoo County, before I turned my face to the South.

My first appointment was for Saturday, the 23rd, at the plantation of our late beloved brother, George S. Yerger. But it pleased a wise and mysteriously-working Providence, to prevent its fulfillment. The packet which I had taken at Vicksburg, broke a part of her machinery, and consequently fell several hours behind her usual time. Few disappointments have affected me more painfully. Although prevented by what might well be deemed an act of Providence, I could with difficulty shake off the feeling of unfaithfulness towards my dear deceased friend and brother, as well as to those poor blacks for whose spiritual welfare he had labored with more of a father's than of a master's concern.

*Sunday, 24th.* I preached in Yazoo City, both forenoon and afternoon. During the two Services, I baptized *one* infant, and *one* adult, and Confirmed *seven* persons. Before leaving the Parish, I baptized *four* more adults, (three white and one colored):—The former had previously received that Sacrament in its forms, but not by authority. In the services of Sunday, I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Scott. The Parish was at that time without a Rector, as the Rev. Mr. Foster had but a short time before been forced by claims of a domestic character, to resign the charge of it. His departure is much to be regretted, as he had won alike the affection and esteem of his people, and was beginning to see around him the fruits of his patient and steady labors. One evidence of life and growth in this Parish is a determination to erect as soon as may be, a new and more beautiful House for the worship of God.

*Tuesday, 26th.* I preached at the residence of Major Vaughan, fifteen miles from Yazoo City. Owing to the threatening aspect of the weather, the congregation consisted of the family only. In the forenoon I baptized *one* infant, and in the afternoon *three* colored adults. I do not despair of yet seeing a Chapel erected in the midst of this wealthy and intelligent neighborhood.

*Thursday, 28th.* I officiated at "Annadale," the residence of Col. Ewing, preaching and administering the Holy Communion. An attentive congregation more than filled the little Chapel; and consisted, as I was pleased to see, of several of the neighboring families, in addition to the usual household attendance. Very commendable would it be if the friends of the Church in this region would unite in erecting at some suitable point a larger Temple for God's Service, and thus extend and perpetuate the good work so happily begun by a single family.

*March 2nd, 3rd and 4th,* were spent in the Parish of Christ's Church, Vicksburg. After visiting many of the families on Saturday, I preached twice on Sunday, (3rd) and Confirmed ~~sixteen~~ persons, one of whom was colored. One other afterwards, received that holy rite in private, being too unwell to attend the Church. This goodly number of Candidates affords satisfactory evidence that the Rector labors not in vain. This Parish has had, since my last visitation, good cause to mourn over the departure of one of its most active and efficient members. In the death of James Roach, the whole Diocese may well unite with his family and Pastor and fellow-parishioners, in lamenting the mysterious visitation which has taken him from us in the midst of his usefulness. As Diocesan Treasurer, and as Secretary and Treasurer of our "Society for the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge," he was ever prompt and ready, and shrank from no amount of labor that might be laid upon him. As a true friend, a frank and fearless spirit, a faithful officer, and a consistent, liberal and zealous Churchman, he will long be remembered by those who knew him; and the records of the Diocese will hand his name down to his children's children, as one among the early and most efficient of her sons.

*Tuesday, 5th.* Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Damus, I reached Diamond Place, the residence of Mr. Laughlin, and preached that day to his family and servants, and a few of his neighbors. Seven of his servants were at the same time Confirmed. In preparing them for this holy rite, much pains had been taken not only by the Rev. Mr. Damus, lately in charge of them, but by the pious and zealous lady whom they are privileged to call their mistress.

The next day, assisted again by the Rev. Mr. Damus, I preached at the neighboring residence of Mrs. Freeland, and confirmed *three* of her servants. As on my previous visits to this place, so was I on this occasion much gratified

with the hearty and correct responses, as well as with the apparently devout attention of these blacks. It was a matter of regret to me, and no less of disappointment to them and their Pastor, (Mr. Dams) that the length of the other services left no time for me to question them on the Catechism.

*Thursday, 7th and 8th*, were given to Grand Gulf. I was here rejoiced to meet with the Rev. Charles B. Dana, D. D., who has lately taken charge of the Church in Port Gibson. Service was held on the evening of my arrival, Dr. Dana preaching at my request. The following day I preached, and baptized two children. Notwithstanding the losses of various kinds which this little flock has sustained within the last five or six years, the few families which remain are animated with a right spirit, and duly value the ministrations of the Church. They succeeded whilst I was with them, in engaging a portion of Dr. Dana's services.

*Saturday and Sunday, (9th and 10th)* were spent in Port Gibson. Besides visiting a number of families, I preached twice on Sunday, and administered the rite of Confirmation to five persons, being on both occasions assisted in the services by the Rector. The congregations were large, and apparently much interested. And I was gratified to learn that a growing appreciation of our services, and a steady increase in the number of attendants have been very apparent within the few weeks during which Dr. Dana has been with them. For ten years has your Bishop, though kept back by many feeble hearts and truly discouraging obstacles, cherished the belief that that intelligent and estimable community would yet see in their midst a well-ordered and prosperous Parish. That unshaken, though oft-deferred hope is now, I trust, about to be realized. The report which I shall lay before you from the Rector, will show what God hath wrought in their behalf, and what, of his goodness, he has enabled and disposed that people to do for themselves.

*On Monday, 11th*, I passed to Epiphany Parish, accompanied by Dr. Dana, and visited several families by the way. The next morning I rode several miles before breakfast, to give the rite of Confirmation to a young man whose failing health prevented him from leaving his room. At 11 o'clock, Dr. Dana preached at my request,—the Rector and myself dividing the Services between us. Three persons were afterwards Confirmed. It is but a few months since

the Rev. Mr. Rottenstein took charge of this Parish. The affectionate welcome which he has met with, and the earnest zeal with which he has entered on his labors, make me hope that much good may be the result.

*Wednesday, 13th.* Returned to Grand Gulf, and baptized an infant that night.

After waiting a whole day for a boat, I left on Thursday evening for my next appointment at Woodville, where I preached on *Saturday and Sunday, 16th and 17th*, baptized two adults and Confirmed thirteen persons,—one of them in private. I was highly gratified at finding that the services of the Rev. Mr. Adams are more and more acceptable, and promise a degree of prosperity to the Parish which it has not for some time enjoyed.

*Monday, 18th.* After visiting three families by the way, I reached the neighborhood of Second Creek, Adams County.

The next day I preached at the house of Mrs. Railey, to a number of her servants, and a few of her friends and neighbors. Confirmed seven of her servants, and consecrated a piece of ground for the burial of the dead. These blacks have claimed a portion of the Rev. Mr. Boyd's labors during the time that he has within the last few years spent within the Diocese. Here I cannot refrain from mentioning an interesting circumstance connected with the Confirmation of these colored persons. A short time after the ceremony, one of their number respectfully approached me, and in the name of himself and the others, begged me to accept a handsome private "Communion Set," as a token of their thankfulness for having thus enjoyed the privilege of being received as servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. Few incidents of my Episcopate have been more touching or more grateful to me:—and seldom have I received from the hand of friend or brother a gift more worthy to be held in pleasant remembrance.

During my stay under her hospitable roof, Mrs. Railey placed in my hands a Deed conveying forty-six acres of land to me and my successors in office, in trust, as a site for a Church and Rectory. The situation is a most beautiful and eligible one, embracing part of an elevated ridge, a number of acres of flat and fertile land, adorned with three large Indian mounds. May the Good Providence of God make this liberal gift the beginning of much good to that intelligent and pleasant neighborhood.

I rode that afternoon eleven miles to the residence of Mrs. Griffith, preached after tea to her family and servants and a few of her neighbors, baptized *four* colored infants, and gave both Baptism and Confirmation to *five* others of her grown servants. Nothing but want of strength prevented me, as I greatly desired, from catechising their whole number. The faithful training which these slaves receive at the hands of their Mother-mistress, is seldom surpassed in any of our more favored Parishes. As on former occasions, the sponsors and witnesses were a young Master and Mistress.

The following morning (20th) I rode eleven miles to "Lawel Hill," former residence of Dr. Mercer, and assisted by the Rev. Mr. Boyd, preached at 11 o'clock to a small congregation. After the services, *one* person was Confirmed. In the afternoon, I baptized *nineteen* colored children.

*Thursday, 21st.* I reached Washington in time for my appointment in the afternoon. I was here met by the Rev. Mr. Miller, who, at my request, officiated in my stead. The next morning I preached, being assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Boyd and Douglas. *One* person was confirmed.

It was no little gratification to me to find the Rev. Mr. Douglas in charge of this little neglected flock—to see that his services were so acceptable,—and to learn that as soon as the present unsettled condition of affairs shall have passed away, there will probably be erected by the congregation a Temple of their own,—their only place of worship at present being the College Chapel.

*Saturday and Sunday, 23rd and 24th,* were given to the Parish of Trinity Church, Natchez. On Sunday, the 24th. I preached twice, baptized *one* adult, and Confirmed *twenty-three* persons. I also visited the Sunday School, and addressed a few kind words to the pupils; but I could not help observing and regretting their greatly diminished number. No truer index of the healthy and stable condition of a Parish can be given than that afforded by the Bible-Class and Sunday School. The congregations, both in the forenoon and evening, were unusually large; and I was pleased to know that the public ministrations of the Rector were well attended. I am still convinced however, that the interests of our Zion would be greatly promoted by the erection of an additional Church, in another part of the town, and on the *free-pew* principle. Would to God that some one or more of that wealth-favored people may

be led to glorify God by thus building a Temple to His Name, and endowing it for His worship forever. Whilst looking down from the Pulpit over that large congregation, I was pained to see the vacant pew of that worthy, consistent and long-trying Churchman, the Hon. Edward Turner, under whose hospitable roof I had so often felt myself "at home," and in whose bright and unspotted example his family and friends had so long rejoiced. Few men have lived so pure and upright a life, or have had less cause for self-reproach in a dying hour. The grave may hide his venerable form, but it cannot bury the remembrance of his kind and gentle, and honest, and charitable spirit.

The following day (*Monday, 25th*) after paying a few visits to such of the congregation as had recently passed under the rod of affliction, I proceeded to Church Hill, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Boyd. Services were held twice on Tuesday, and once on Wednesday. Mr. Boyd preached on Tuesday afternoon, and together with the Rector, assisted me throughout the occasion. One person was confirmed in the Church, and two others in private. This congregation has suffered much by deaths and removals within the last few years, but is nevertheless in a healthy, if not a fast-growing condition. Before leaving the Parish, I had the mournful satisfaction of administering the Holy Communion, probably for the last time, to an excellent and esteemed Sister-in-Christ, and in prayer, of commending her slowly-departing spirit to Him who gave it.

*Good Friday, March 29th.* I reached home just in time to join with the Rector and congregation of St. Andrew's Church, in the solemn services of the day.

*Easter Sunday, 31st.* I preached in Jackson, and confirmed three persons. I was to have officiated again in the evening, but was seized with a chill in the mean time.

*Tuesday, April 2nd.* I reluctantly gave to the Rev. John Foster, "Letters Dimissory," to the Diocese of Illinois.

I left home on Wednesday evening (April 3rd) in the hope that the exercise of labor and traveling might ward off any further return of my disease. But the next morning I was again attacked in Canton, and my strength so brought down that I was barely able to sit in my chair within the Church, and lay my hands upon the candidates as they came and knelt successively before me. It was cheering to me however in my weakness, to see as many as eleven thus willingly dedicating themselves to the service



of God, and standing forth as witnesses of the faithful labors of their Pastor.

After five days' confinement to my chamber and bed, I left Canton on *Tuesday, 9th*, and proceeded to Carrollton, to meet my engagement in that place. Two other appointments had been made for me, at Grenada, and at Brookes's Chapel, but the Rev. Dr. Adams had to supply my place. After arriving in Carrollton, I was prevented by a continuous rain from officiating publicly. In the parlor of a kind friend I baptized *one* adult, and *one* infant, and confirmed *three* persons. Three others were prevented by unavoidable circumstances from presenting themselves.

Before setting out on Thursday morning, I united a couple in the bonds of matrimony.

I reached Coffeeville the same evening, with the hope of being able to officiate next day; but as the hour for Service approached, I found my strength unequal to the task.

*Saturday and Sunday, 13th and 14th*, were spent in Oxford. On Sunday, I preached in their new and beautiful Church, which, with the exception of a debt upon it, though not to any great amount, is ready for Consecration. This congregation is much in need of a Minister who can give himself without restraint to parochial labor. The gratuitous services of President Barnard, have for several years served to keep the flock together; but it cannot be expected that he should continue them much longer, in addition to the many and arduous duties devolved upon him by the University.

My next visit was to St. John's Early Grove, where I preached on *Thursday, 18th*. There were three candidates for Confirmation, but they were all prevented by sickness from attendance at the Church.

I visited the School of "Wilson Hall," and heard one or two classes examined. The Pupils appear to be making satisfactory progress; but the Institution has not yet assumed that decided Church Character which its Donors designed it to have, and which under judicious management would not fail to give it increased usefulness.

On *Friday, 19th*, I preached to a small congregation in St. Andrew's Church, (Marshall county.) Owing to deaths and removals both the members and wealth of this Parish has been greatly reduced within the last few years. And I was pained to find that the worthy Senior Warden, Dr. John P. Mardaway, had been laid in the grave only the day before my arrival. During my short stay in this Parish I

was filled with the sad but pleasant remembrance of their late worthy Rector, the Rev. Mr. Fagg, who, though never canonically connected with this Diocese, had for more than ten years faithfully administered to this little flock.

On *Sunday, the 21st*, I preached both forenoon and afternoon to full congregations in Holly Springs. Since the lamented death of Dr. Ingraham, no measures have been taken to supply his place. As a necessary consequence the flock has in a measure been scattered, the zeal of some has waxed cold, and the hearts of others are dispirited. I ardently hope that a Pastor will soon be called to take charge of this important point. Several persons have announced themselves to me as candidates for Confirmation, and will receive that rite before our adjournment.

*Thursday, 25th*, I received Charles A. Cameron as a candidate for the Ministry.

To the foregoing statement I will only add, that every parish and congregation of the Diocese has been visited except those on the Gulf Coast. Two attempts were made to reach them ; but in both I was providentially prevented.

I have thus brought the record of my last year's labors up to the present moment. With all humility it is laid at God's footstool, as the best that I could do under the pressure of infirm health, of sore bereavement, and of the four-fold burthen of domestic care which that bereavement has devolved upon me. If but little has been accomplished, a merciful God will impute it, I trust, to the smaller measure of time and strength vouchsafed me for his work. There is another cause also to which may be ascribed any shortcoming in the fruits of your Bishop's labors during the past year. I mean the political and military *furor* which has for some time swallowed up all other interests with our people. Amid the booming of cannon, the waving of flags, and the mustering of troops, the voice of God's messenger has been comparatively unheeded, if not unheard. God grant a speedy answer to our prayers for peace and for the return of that good feeling which should characterize a people reared under the same institutions, linked together by so many bonds of kindred and of interest, and one in heart until fanaticism and the madness of party brought about an unnatural divorce. Let us hope that a few more weeks will see our Confederacy acknowledged and honored throughout the world, and our people once more at their peaceful homes, prepared and disposed to work with heart and hand and purse for the glory of Him who has thus far benignantly smiled on the cause we have undertaken.

The number confirmed since our last Convention is *two hundred and twenty-nine*, of whom *fifty-two* were slaves.

I have baptized *twenty-two* white adults; *thirty* white infants; *nine* colored adults,—and *ninety-six* colored infants—in all, *one hundred and fifty-seven*.

One Church only, (St. Paul's, Columbus,) has been consecrated. Another has been for some months ready for consecration;—and three more are completed, but encumbered with more or less of debt.

Two parishes will apply for admission into union with this Convention, viz: Grace Church, Carrollton;—and St. Stephen's Church, Panola.

The list of candidates for Orders, now consists of Henry C. Harris, Wm. H. Phillips, Henry G. Perry, Edmund C. Laughlin, Joseph B. Lyons and Charles A. Cameron—in all, *six*.

John Charles Adams, M. D., has been admitted to the Diaconate;—and three Deacons, Revs. George Stewart, M. Leander Weller, and Wm. F. Adams, have been raised to the Order of the Priesthood.

One clergyman—Rev. Wm. C. Crane, has been instituted, in compliance with that wholesome and endearing rite prescribed by the Church.

An unusual number of the clergy have, for various causes, taken "Letters Dimissory," to other Dioceses, viz: Rev. B. R. S. Bemond, to Arkansas; Rev. John Giorlow, to Louisiana; Rev. Gilbert G. Hayden, to Michigan; Rev. J. Avery Shepherd, to Alabama; Rev. J. Newton Wattson, to Maryland; Rev. Andrew Matthews, to Tennessee; and Rev. Chas. H. Williamson and Rev. John Foster, to Illinois. To these departures from amongst us must be added the name of our late fellow-workman, the Rev. Dr. Ingraham, now at rest from his labors.

In the place of these, I have received Rev. Wm. H. Burton, from Tennessee, and Rev. George Rottenstein, from Louisiana. John Charles Adams, M. D., has been added to our clerical list by taking Deacon's Orders; and the Rev. Thos. Applegate, Rev. Amos C. Treadway, Rev. Charles B. Dana, D. D., and Rev. Wm. K. Douglas are laboring within the Diocese, but have not yet become canonically attached to it.

Among the clergy the following changes have occurred since my last report: Rev. J. Charles Adams has been put in charge of Carrollton and Grenada parts adjacent; Rev. Mr. Applegate has lately succeeded Mr. Wattson in the Par-

ish of St. John's, Aberdeen; Rev. R. F. Clute has resigned the charge of the Church at Pontotoc, and confines his labors to Grace Church Okolona and St. Cyprian's Chapel adjacent; Rev. James D. Gibson has announced to the vestry of St. Paul's, Columbus, his intention of resigning that Parish in June next; Rev. Willard Presbury is in charge of St. John's, Early Grove, and St. Andrew's, Marshall county; Rev. Thomas S. Savage, M. D., has transferred his Female School, at Pass Christian, to other hands, with the intention of once more engaging in Parochial labor; Rev. Mr. Rottenstein has for some months been in charge of the Church of the Epiphany; Rev. Mr. Burton is laboring in Corinth and one or two adjoining places; Rev. Mr. Douglas is in charge of Church of the Advent, Washington, and is also Professor of Languages in Jefferson College; Rev. Dr. Dana is in charge of St. James' Church, Port Gibson, and St. Paul's, Grand Gulf; Rev. Amos C. Treadway is temporarily serving the Parish of St. John's, Lake Washington.

Of "St. Thomas' Hall" and "Wilson Hall" I have already spoken. On visiting the former a day or two since I was sorry to find that an epidemic disease has for a time interrupted its exercises. The pupils, however, are beginning to return to their posts; and the patrons of the Institution seem highly gratified with both its discipline and successful instruction. A report of its condition and also of "Wilson Hall" will be duly laid before you.

Of "Trinity School," Pass Christian, I can make no report, as I have been providentially prevented from visiting it since it passed into the hands of Prof. Keith. The reputation which he has brought with him for sound scholarship and high moral character certainly deserves success.

"Rose Gates College," Okolona, is now fairly at work, and promises, if shortly relieved from debt, to realize every reasonable expectation on the part of its friends.

At our last Convention I hoped to have it in my power at the present time to speak cheerfully of the progress of our "University of the South." But the unsettled and excited state of the public mind in relation to our political affairs has, with regard to this enterprise, as to all others, caused a temporary suspension of our contemplated build-  
ings.

The death of that pious and liberal young son of the Church, Thomas H. Stanton, will make it your duty to appoint in his place a Lay Trustee for the University.

Immediately after the Ordinance of Secession was passed by the Convention of this State, I addressed a circular to the clergy of the Diocese requesting them to make certain alterations in the usual Prayers for the President and for Congress, for the purpose of adapting them to the new order of things in our Confederacy. In doing this I was aware of exercising a power no where expressly authorized in our canons ;—but I was at the same time unconscious of overstepping the bounds of that *sound discretion* allowed to Bishops, as well as other officials, in meeting such extraordinary occasions, as no Legislative sagacity can foresee, and for which no laws can adequately provide.

A few weeks since I received from Bishops Polk and Elliott a circular—which I here lay upon your table, requesting me to recommend to this Convention the appointment of three Clergymen, and three Laymen, who, together with your Bishop, shall be Delegates to meet an equal number of Delegates from each of the Dioceses within the Confederate States, at Montgomery, Alabama, on the third day of July next, to consult upon such matters concerning the Church as may have arisen out of the changes in our civil affairs. In the propriety of this measure, I heartily concur ; and commend it to your favorable consideration, with the request that the circular be spread upon our journal.

I am pleased to find that the “Church Intelligencer” is getting to be widely circulated throughout the Diocese ; and would be glad to find it a weekly visitant in every family.

The hope entertained by us all on the adjournment of our last Convention, that the fund for the Episcopate of the Diocese would soon be obtained has been providentially disappointed. This has been owing to two causes—the unsettled and depressed condition of our monetary affairs, and to long-continued affliction and final bereavement in the family of the worthy brother who had undertaken the work.

I cannot conclude this protracted Address without advert- ing once more to the political revolution through which we have just passed, and are even now passing. However painful may have been the struggle in severing the national bonds which have hitherto united us as one people, *the deed is done* ; and, as we believe, *with good cause*, and with *no thought of undoing it*. Our duty then, as patriot-churchmen, is not only to pray for the new government and rulers under whose authority we this day find ourselves, but to uphold with heart and hand the Constitution and Laws which our representatives have modelled for our guidance and pro-

tection. And should stern necessity require it, I trust that no son of the Church will withhold himself or his from any call which his country can make upon him. But, beloved brethren, whilst we keenly feel the wrongs which have driven us to this separation, and are as firmly resolved, with God's help, to maintain our position, let us not, in the fervor of our patriotism, forget that we are Christian men, and yield to feelings of hatred and revenge more than a true love of country calls for at our hands. A manly and persistent defense of our rights is in no way incompatible with a just and charitable appreciation of those who seek to wrong us, or even with fervent prayer that an Almighty God may lead them to a better mind, and take from them their evil purposes rather than their lives. But turning from those whom I am so loth to call *our enemies*, let me remind you of Him in whose hands are the fates of nations as well as of individuals, and from whom alone come both victory and defeat. If ever there was a time when prayer should be fervent and unceasing, that time is the present, when we are threatened with the horrors of a fratricidal war, when friends and neighbors, and kindred, and brothers seem about to mingle in bloody strife. But dreadful as is the spirit of this unnatural struggle, it may yet be driven out by prayer and fasting. Let us then, both Clergy and Laity, besiege the throne of grace with our supplications for our country, her rulers, her legislators, and all who have gone forth in her defence. Let us suppress all bitterness and wrath towards others, and all envyings and jealousies among ourselves. Let us, in every way, uphold the law and seek to promote order. So shall we best serve the State, and draw down upon our institutions and people the blessing of Him "without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy."

Affectionately your Pastor under Christ,

W. M. GREEN

TRINITY CHURCH. NATCHEZ.

Families, number of,—Old number, 163; Removed, 5; Added, 7; 165		
Baptisms—Adults, white, . . . . .	9	
"    Children, white, . . . . .	32	Total, . . . . . 41
Confirmations—White, . . . . .		23
Communicants—Former number, White, . . . . .		225
"    Added, . . . . .		37
"    Died, . . . . .	5	5
"    Removed, . . . . .		4
"    Dropped, . . . . .		1
"    Present number, white, . . . . .		252
Marriages—White, . . . . .		13
Funerals, . . . . .		28
Sunday School Teachers, . . . . .	8	
"    "    Scholars, . . . . .	40	Total, . . . . . 46

For Diocesan Mission—Collection, . . . . .	\$248 25
Communion Alms, and Mission Box, . . . . .	481 80
Bishop's Salary, . . . . .	500 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, . . .	40 00
Other purposes, as follows .	
Nashotah Theological Seminary, . . . . .	150 00
Theological Student at Nashotah Theo. Sem. . . . .	125 00
"          "          at Gen. Theo. Sem., per Rector, .	325 00

G. B. PERRY, Rector.

The past has been somewhat a year of sorrow with the Church, as several of our communicants have died. The Hon. Edward Turner is one of the number—a man of sterling worth, who, during a long life filled many civil offices with marked ability; and last of all, in the church of God, he held that of Senior Warden till his death. He died as he had lived—"in love and charity with all men."

Also, Mr. Thomas H. Stanton, a young man of most devoted piety, of large generosity, and of great promise. He was one of the Trustees of the Southern University, and would have proved a valuable member of that body. The Church feels his loss very much. His dying hour was one of triumph in the hope of a blessed immortality.

The present political commotions of the country have tended to considerably *change the channel* of its missionary and other charities, making the amount here reported much less than heretofore.

### CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG

The Rector of Christ Church, at Vicksburg, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of, .....	88	
Baptisms—Adults, White, .....	4}	
“ Children, White, .....	46{	Total, ..... 50
Confirmations—White, .....	16}	
“ Colored, .....	1{	Total, ..... 17
Communicants—Former number, White, .....	138	
“ Added, .....	12	
“ Died, .....	5	
“ Removed, .....	8	
“ Present number, White, .....	187	
Marriages—White, .....	10}	
“ Colored, .....	2{	Total, ....., 12
Funerals, .....	29	
Sunday School Teachers, .....	14}	
“ “ Scholars, .....	110{	Total, .... 124
“ “ Colored Teachers, 7; Scholars, 40; .....	47	—171

### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions, .....	\$ 80 50
Domestic do .....	28 15
Communion Alms, .....	190 50
Bishop's Salary, .....	400 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, .....	30 00
Other purposes, as follows:	
Incidental Expenses, Church collections, .....	499 87
Insurance, .....	90 00
Addition to Rectory and Church, .....	1,000 00

Total contributions, .....\$2,319 02

Respectfully,

April 22, 1861.

W. W. LORD.

### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, at Jackson, Hinds county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:



Families, number of, .....		84
Baptisms—Adults, white,.....	6}	
“ Children, white,.....	20}	Total, .... 28
“ “ colored, .....	2}	
Confirmations—White,.....		9
Communicants—Former number, white,....	112}	
“ “ “ colored, ....	1}	Total, .... 113
“ Added, .....		28
“ Died, .....	9}	
“ Removed, .....	14}	Total, .... 23
“ Present number, white,....	116}	
“ “ “ colored, ..	1}	Total, .... 117
Marriages—white, .....	13}	
“ colored, .....	1}	Total, .... 14
Funerals, .....		16
Sunday School Teachers,.....	11}	
“ “ Scholars, .....	85}	Total, .... 96

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,.....	\$ 67 50
Domestic do .....	25 00
Foreign do .....	25 00
Communion Alms, .....	178 60
Bishop's Salary, .....	300 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,....	30 00
Annual premium for Insurance on Rector's life,.....	245 47
Insurance on Rectory,.....	45 25

Total contributions,.....\$916 82

WM. C. CRANE, Rector.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, COLUMBUS,

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbus, Lowndes county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of, - - - - -	- - - - -	39
Baptisms—Adults, white, - - - - -	1}	
“ Children, “ - - - - -	7}	9
“ “ colored, - - - - -	1}	
Confirmations—white, - - - - -		7
Communicants—Former number, white, - - - - -	72}	
“ “ “ colored, - - - - -	1}	73
“ Added, - - - - -		9
“ Removed, - - - - -		2
“ Present number, white, - - - - -	79}	
“ “ “ colored. - - - - -	1}	80
Marriages—white, - - - - -		1
Funerals, - - - - -		4
Sunday School Teachers, - - - - -	6}	
“ “ Scholars, - - - - -	35}	41
Colored Sunday School, Teachers, - - - - -	8}	
“ “ “ Scholars, - - - - -	97}	105

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,	\$ 25 00
Domestic " "	5 00
Foreign " "	5 00
Communion Alms,	114 75
Bishop's Salary,	60 60
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	15 00
Incidental expenses of the Church about,	200 00

Total contributions, \$424 75  
 Columbus, April 10th, 1861. JAMES D. GIBSON, Rector.

## CHRIST CHURCH, CHURCH HILL.

The Rector of Christ Church, Church Hill, Jefferson County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,	30
Baptisms—Children, white	7
" " colored	42
Total,	49
Confirmations—white	3
Communicants—Former number, white	58
" " colored	4
Total,	62
" " Added	1
" " Died	3
" Transferred to Church of Advent, Washington	8
" Present number, white	47
" " colored	4
" " "	1
Marriages—white	1
" colored	1
" " "	2
Funerals	5

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Diocesan Missions	\$131 00
Communion Alms	60 00
Bishop's Salary	260 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention	30 00
Parochial Schools	413 30

Total Contributions \$894 30  
 B. M. MILLER, Rector.

## CHRIST CHURCH, HOLLY SPRINGS.

The Junior Warden of Christ Church, Holly Springs, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement :

Families, about	25
Communicants—White, Number about	50
" " Died	1
" " Funerals	4

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

Bishop's Salary . . . . .	\$200 00
Church Expenses, &c. . . . .	100 00
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>\$300 00</b>

The Warden would beg leave to add the accompanying Preamble and Resolutions, unanimously passed at a Meeting of the Vestry, held in extra session, on the 19th December, 1860, as expressive of the deep feeling occasioned by the sad and lamentable death of their beloved Pastor: And he would further state that the vacancy created by this mournful event has not yet been filled. May God, in His Wisdom, guide us in the choice of his successor.

B. W. WALTHALL, Junior Warden.

HOLLY SPRINGS, }  
December 19th, 1861. }

At a meeting of the Vestry of Christ Church, Holly Springs, the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His Wise Providence, to remove from the scene of his earthly labors, our beloved Pastor, the Rev. Joseph H. Ingraham, LL. D., Rector of Christ Church.

*Resolved*, That we bow in humble submission to the Will of God, in this afflictive and mysterious dispensation, and are deeply impressed by this event with the uncertainty of human life, and that we and the congregation whom we represent, are solemnly warned by this sudden and inscrutable bereavement of the importance of being always prepared for the summons which calls us to render an account of our stewardship.

*Resolved*, That we entertain a lively and grateful sense of the fidelity and earnest diligence with which our late Pastor discharged the duties of his high and Holy calling.

*Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with the family of the deceased in their mournful bereavement, which has deprived them of their earthly head and guide, and we tender to them the sincere expression of our heartfelt condolence.

*Resolved*, That the Members of the Vestry wear the usual badges of mourning for thirty days, and the Wardens be directed to intermingle with the customary decorations of the Church at this Festival Season, the usual emblems of mourning, in token of the sorrows which this Vestry feels in common with the whole community, in the loss of one, who, by his faithfulness in his official relations, his urbanity in his social intercourse, and his kindness to the poor and suffering, had endeared himself to all hearts.

*Resolved*, That Dr. Charles Bonner, Dr. P. A. Willis, and Prof. William Clark, members of the Vestry, be a committee to attend to all arrangements for the burial of our deceased Pastor, and carry out his dying requests in regard thereto, and the members of the Vestry attend the funeral in a body and act as pall bearers.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WOODVILLE.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, at Woodville, Wilkinson County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of, . . . . .		34
Baptisms—Adults, White, . . . . .	3}	Total, 18
"    Children, . . . . .	15}	
Confirmations—White . . . . .		13
Communicants—Former White, . . . . .	40}	
"    Added . . . . .	22}	
"    Removed, . . . . .	5}	
Present Number, White, . . . . .		57
Marriages, White, . . . . .		1
Funerals, . . . . .		10
S. S. Teachers, . . . . .	5}	" 35
"    Scholars, . . . . .	30}	

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

Incidental Expenses of Parish, . . . . .	\$755 89
Diocesan Missions, . . . . .	35 10
Communion Alms, . . . . .	89 15
Bishop's Salary, . . . . .	100 00
Contingent Expenses of Diocesan Convention, . . . . .	15 00
<b>Total, . . . . .</b>	<b>\$995 14</b>

W. F. ADAMS, Rector.

## GRACE CHURCH, CANTON.

The Rector of Grace Church, at Canton, Madison County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of, . . . . .		34
Baptisms—Adults, White, . . . . .	8}	Total, 16
"    Children, " . . . . .	7}	
"    Colored, . . . . .	1}	
Confirmations—White, . . . . .		11
Communicants—Former Number, White, . . . . .		51
"    Added, . . . . .		3
"    Removed, . . . . .		2
Present Number, White, . . . . .		52
Marriages—White, . . . . .	1}	Total, 3
"    Colored, . . . . .	2}	
Funerals, . . . . .		4
Sunday School Teachers, . . . . .	4}	Total, 29
"    "    Scholars, . . . . .	25}	

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection, . . . . .	\$24 00	
"    "    Second " . . . . .	10 75	
"    "    From Individual Con- tributors, . . . . .	6 00	
Communion Alms and Semi-Monthly Collections, . . . . .		76 95
Bishop's Salary, . . . . .		50 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, . . . . .		10 00
Contributions for improvement of the Church, . . . . .		129 65
<b>Total Contributions, . . . . .</b>		<b>\$307 35</b>

HENRY SANSOM, Rector.

## ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, WARREN COUNTY.

The Rector of St. Alban's Church, at Bovina, Warren County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,.....	22	
Baptisms—Adults, White, . . . . .	5	} Total, 52
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	28	
“ Children, White, . . . . .	3	
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	11	
Confirmations—White, . . . . .	11	} Total, 39
“ Colored, . . . . .	28	
Communicants—Former Number, White, . . . . .	41	} Total, 46
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	5	
“ Added, . . . . .		44
“ Present Number, White, . . . . .	47	} Total, 81
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	34	
Marriages—White, . . . . .	1	} Total, 3
“ Colored, . . . . .	2	
Funerals,.....	1	

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection, . . . . .	\$32 40	\$69 65
“ “ Second “ . . . . .	37 25	
Communion Alms, devoted to Bishop's Salary,.....	40 00	
Improvement of Church and Church Property,.....	130 00	
Contingent Expenses of Convention, . . . . .	\$10 00	

Total Contributions, . . . . . \$249 65

HENRY SANSON, Rector.

## REPORT OF TRINITY CHURCH, PASS CHRISTIAN.

The Rector of Trinity Church, Pass Christian, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,.....	24	
Baptisms—Adults, White, . . . . .	3	} Total, 14
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	1	
“ Children, White, . . . . .	8	
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	2	
Communicants—Former Number, White,.....	30	
“ Added, . . . . .	7	
“ Died, . . . . .	1	} Total, 4
“ Removed, . . . . .	3	
“ Present Number, . . . . .	32	
Marriages, colored, . . . . .	4	
Funerals, . . . . .	4	
Sunday School Teachers, , . . . . .	7	} Total, 47
“ “ Scholars, . . . . .	40	

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions, . . . . .	\$30 00
Domestic Missions, . . . . .	5 35
Foreign Missions, . . . . .	44 80
Foreign Missions by the Sunday School, . . . . .	12 00
Communion Alms, . . . . .	63 15
Bishop's Salary, . . . . .	120 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, . . . . .	15 00
Charitable objects, . . . . .	70 00

Total Contributions, . . . . . \$407 30

There were last Summer eight Candidates for Confirmation, but our Bishop, through making two appointments, was unable on account of sickness and domestic affliction, to visit the Parish.

G. W. SILL, Rector.

## ST. ANDREW'S PARISH, MARSHALL COUNTY.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, in Marshall County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, Number of, . . . . .	5
Baptisms—Infant, . . . . .	1
Communicants—Former Number, White, . . . . .	12}
“ Died, . . . . .	1}
“ Present Number, . . . . .	11
“ Funerals, . . . . .	2

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary, . . . . .	\$50 00
Diocesan Missions, . . . . .	25 00
Communion Alms, . . . . .	10 40

Total, . . . . . \$85 40

Divine Service in this Parish every other Sunday in the month. In addition, I officiate once a month for the servants on Mr. Jackson's Plantation.

WILLARD PRESBURY, Rector.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EARLY GROVE.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Early Grove, Marshall County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of his Parish:

Families, Number of,			14
Baptisms—Infant, White,	5	Total,	0
“ Colored,	4		
Communicants—Former Number, White,	32		
“ “ Colored,	8		
“ “ Added, White,	3		
“ “ Colored,	1		
“ “ Died,	1		

Present Number, White,	-	-	-	-	35}	Total,	39
" " Colored,	-	-	-	-	4}		
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	15

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$30 00
Contingent Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	12 50
Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	19 85
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$57 35

Divine Service is held in this Parish every other Sunday in the month.  
WILLARD PRESBURY, Rector.

## ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, KIRKWOOD.

The Rector of St. Philip's Church, at Kirkwood, Madison County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, Number of,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Baptisms—Adults, White,	.	.	.	.	1}	Total,	3
" Children, "	.	.	.	.	2}		
Confirmations, White,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Communicants—Former Number, White,	.	.	.	12}	Total,	15	
" Colored,	.	.	.	3}			
" Added,	.	.	.	2}			
" Removed,	.	.	.	2}			
" Present Number, White,	.	.	.	12}	Total,	15	
" Colored,	.	.	.	3}			
Marriages—White,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Sunday School Teachers,	.	.	.	.	5}	Total,	25
" " Scholars,	.	.	.	.	20}		

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection,	.	\$6 70}	Total,	\$25
" " Second "	.	13 30}		
Communion Alms,	.	.	.	\$10 65
Bishop's Salary,	.	.	.	60 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	.	.	.	10 00
St. Stephen's Mission to the Poor, Boston, Individual Contribut	.	.	.	10 00

Total Contributions, - - - - \$115 65

E. H. DOWNING, Rector.

## EPIPHANY CHURCH, CLAIBORNE COUNTY.

The Rector of Epiphany Church, Claiborne County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish .

Families, number of,	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
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Baptisms—Children, White, . . . . .	10}		
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	13}	Total,	24
“ Adults, White . . . . .	1}		
Marriages, . . . . .			2
Confirmations, White, . . . . .			4
Communicants—Former Number, White, . . . . .	17}		
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	4}	Total,	21
“ Added, White, . . . . .			8
“ Removed, . . . . .			1
“ Present Number, . . . . .			27
Funerals, White, . . . . .	2}		
“ Colored, . . . . .	1}	Total,	3

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Diocesan Missions, . . . . .	\$2 00
Communion Alms, . . . . .	2 35
Bishop's Salary, . . . . .	15 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocese, . . . . .	5 00
Other Purposes, . . . . .	101 50
Added from Report of the Rev. Mr. Gierlow, (former Rector)	14 55

Total, . . . . . \$140 40

The undersigned accepted the Rectorship of the Parish the 1st of November, 1860, and it is gratifying to him to report the healthy condition of the Parish, and he devoutly prays for the continuance of the blessings of the Great Head of the Church on the same. He trusts that true piety and a spirit of prayer is prevailing among the members of the Parish, and therefore he looks forward for a rich display of the power of the Holy One in the manifestation of His Grace.

GEO. ROTTENSTEIN, Rector.

## EPIPHANY PARISH, 1861,

The late Rector of Epiphany Parish, Claiborne County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of his Parish, up to the day of his removal :

Families, number of, . . . . .		8
Baptisms—Children, White, . . . . .	6*}	
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	7 }	Total, 13
Communicants—Present Number, White, . . . . .	18 }	
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	4 }	“ 22

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms, . . . . .	\$9 55
Bishop's Salary, first quarter, . . . . .	5 00
Total, . . . . .	\$14 55

\*Of this number 4 were omitted in my last report.

Sept. 10, 1860.

J. GIERLOW, (late) Rector.



The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been baptized in the parish of St. Paul, during the month of May, 1900. The names are given in the order in which they were baptized, and are followed by the names of their parents. The names of the persons who have been baptized are given in the order in which they were baptized, and are followed by the names of their parents.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been baptized in the parish of St. Paul, during the month of May, 1900. The names are given in the order in which they were baptized, and are followed by the names of their parents. The names of the persons who have been baptized are given in the order in which they were baptized, and are followed by the names of their parents.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been baptized in the parish of St. Paul, during the month of May, 1900. The names are given in the order in which they were baptized, and are followed by the names of their parents. The names of the persons who have been baptized are given in the order in which they were baptized, and are followed by the names of their parents.

Families, number of.	6
Baptisms—Catholic, White, by the Bishop of the Diocese.	3
Communicants—Present Number, White.	5
Marriages.	1
Amount of Contributions unknown.	

The undersigned has just taken charge of this Church, in which he expects generally to hold two services in each month. Although the members of the Church here are few in number, their devotedness and zeal are unwavering; while the size of the congregations, and the interest manifested in our Church Services thus far, inspire the hope in their Pastor, that his labors among them will not be in vain in the Lord.

CHARLES B. DANA, Rector.

The Minister lately officiating at Port Gibson, Claiborne County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish, up to the day of his removal.

Families, number of,	-	-	-	-	-	11
Baptisms--Children, White,	-	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants--Present number, White,	-	-	-	-	-	19

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Contingent Expenses,	-	-	-	-	\$26 85
J. GIERLOW,					
Late Minister officiating.					

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, CLINTON.

The Rector of St. Matthew's Church, at Clinton, in Hinds county, reports to the Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of,	. . . . .	11
Baptisms--Adults, white,	. . . . . 1}	Total, . . . 3
" Children "	. . . . . 1}	
" " colored,	. . . . . 1}	
Confirmations--White,	. . . . .	1
Communicants--Former number, white,	. . . . .	20
" Added,	. . . . .	1
" Removed,	. . . . .	4
" Present number, white,	. . . . .	17
Marriages--colored,	. . . . .	1
Funerals,	. . . . .	1
Sunday School Teachers,	. . . . . 1}	Total, . . . 14
" " Scholars,	. . . . . 13}	

CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions--First collection,	\$ 1 60}	Total, \$11 60
" " Second "	10 00}	
Domestic "	. . . . .	8 80
Communion Alms,	. . . . .	20 60
Bishop's Salary,	. . . . .	20 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	. . . . .	5 00
Total contributions,	. . . . .	\$65 00
F. ELWELL, Rector.		

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, BRANDON,

The Rector of St. Luke's Church, at Brandon, in Rankin county, reports to the Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of,			7
Baptisms—colored, . . . . .			1
Confirmations—white, . . . . .			2
Communicants—Former number, white, . . . . .			6
“ Added, . . . . .			3
“ Present number, . . . . .			9
Marriages—White, . . . . .			1
Funerals, . . . . .			1
Sunday School Teachers, . . . . .	1		
“ “ Scholars, . . . . .	5	Total,	6

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First collection, . . . . .	\$4 75		
“ “ Second “ . . . . .	5 25	Total,	\$10 00
Domestic “ . . . . .			10 00
Communion Alms, . . . . .			12 30
Bishop's Salary, . . . . .			15 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, . . . . .			5 00

Total contributions, . . . . . \$52 30

F. ELWELL, Rector.

## SUPPLEMENT.

To the above reports it should be added that, during the last year, I have paid three visits to Hillsborough, Scott County. On the first visit, I baptised one white child ; on the second, I administered the Holy Communion to two persons. The third, was on the occasion of a visitation of the Bishop. There are in all four families connected with the church, and five communicants. I hope to visit them from time to time ; but in the present pecuniary pressure, no regular salary for a minister can be obtained. I would add that so far as I can ascertain no clergyman of the church had ever ministered there previously to my first visit.

F. ELWELL.

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LAFAYETTE COUNTY.

The Rector of St. Peter's Church, at Oxford, La Fayette County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of, . . . . .			13
Children, White, . . . . .			2
Communicants—Former Number, White, . . . . .			20
“ Added, . . . . .			4
Removed, . . . . .			1
Present Number, White, . . . . .			23

F. A. P. BARNARD, Rector.

### GRACE CHURCH, CHICKASAW COUNTY.

The Rector of Grace Church, at Okolona, including St. Cyprian's Chapel, Chickasaw County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, Number of, . . . . .	22	
Baptisms—Adults, White, . . . . .	2	} Total, 25
“ Colored, . . . . .	3	
“ Children, White, . . . . .	3	
“ Colored, . . . . .	17	
Confirmations—White, . . . . .		1
Communicants—Former Number White, . . . . .	29	} Total, 58
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	29	
“ Added, . . . . .	2	7
“ Died, . . . . .	2	
“ Removed, . . . . .	3	5
Present Number, White, . . . . .	30	} Total, 60
“ Colored, . . . . .	30	
Marriages—White, . . . . .		2
Funerals, . . . . .		1
Sunday School Teachers, . . . . .	3	} Total, 20
“ “ Scholars, . . . . .	17	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection, . . . . .	\$2 50	
“ “ Second “ . . . . .	6 00	Total \$8 50
Parochial Purposes, : . . . . .		\$109 25
Total Contributions, . . . . .		\$117 75

ROBERT F. CLUTE, Rector.

### CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, HERNANDO.

The Rector of Ascension Church, Hernando, De-Soto County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :

Families, number of, . . . . .	10	
Baptisms—Adults, White, . . . . .	2	} Total, 19
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	1	
“ Children, White, . . . . .	5	
“ “ Colored, . . . . .	11	
Confirmations—White, . . . . .		4
Communicants—Former Number, White, . . . . .		14
“ Added, . . . . .	5	
“ Removed, . . . . .	3	
“ Present Number, White, . . . . .		16
Marriages, White, . . . . .		1
Funerals, . . . . .		2
Sunday School Teachers, . . . . .	5	} Total, 25
“ “ Scholars, . . . . .	20	

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions,	- - - - -	\$ 4 35
Domestic " - - - - -	- - - - -	2 50
Communion Alms,	- - - - -	7 00
Bishop's Salary,	- - - - -	10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,	- - - - -	5 00
Other purpose as for Sunday School Books,	- - - - -	7 65
Total contributions,	- - - - -	\$ 36 50

This Parish is weak, yet I take pleasure in stating that its condition is encouraging; the congregations are increasing in numbers; greater interest is shown in the cause of the Church, and a few are preparing for Confirmation.

M. LEANDER WELLER, Rector.

The Minister of St. Stephen's Church, at Panola, Panola County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, Number of,	- - - - -	10
Baptisms—Adults, White, - - - - -	11	} Total, 20
" Children, " - - - - -	8	
" " Colored, - - - - -	1	
Confirmations, White, - - - - -	- - - - -	7
Communicants—Present Number, White, - - - - -	- - - - -	13
Marriages—White,.....	- - - - -	1
Burials,.....	- - - - -	1
S. S. Teachers, - - - - -	3	} " 15
" Scholars, - - - - -	12	

The Church, with her holy teachings, seems to have taken strong hold upon the minds of the people in this infant parish. The Vestry could with some assistance, erect a small Church, but are now awaiting the issues of the present troubles of the country, before they proceed to build. Besides these two Parishes, I have held regular monthly services at Como and Sardis. At Como, the congregation seems to be much pleased with and joins in the services; and the prospect for success is encouraging. As Missionary, I have buried one communicant of the Church, and baptized four white children. There are several at my different appointments, awaiting the visitation of the Bishop, that they may ratify the vows made by them at their baptism.

M. LEANDER WELLER, Missionary.

## ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL, ANNADALE.

The Senior Warden of St. John's Chapel, Annadale, Yazoo County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of, - - - - -	- - - - -	1
Children, Colored, - - - - -	- - - - -	1
Communicants—Former Number, White, - - - - -	6	} Total, 18
" Colored, - - - - -	12	

Communicants—Removed,	-	-	-	1
"	Pre-sent Number, White,	5}	Total,	17
"	Colored,	12}		
Sunday School; Teachers,	-	2}	Total,	32
"	" Scholars,	30}		

CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

From Individual Contributors,	\$25 00
Domestic Missions,	5 00
Foreign "	5 00
Bishop's Salary,	20 00
Contingent Expenses of Diocesan Convention,	5 00
Total,	\$100 00

MARTIN W. EWING, Sen. Warden.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SHIELDSBOROUGH.

To the Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, Bishop:

The Rector of St. Luke's Church, Shieldsborough, Hancock County, reports the following Statement from the Register of his Parish:

Families, number of,	18
Baptisms—Adults, White,	2}
" Infants, " :	4}
" " Colored,	1}
Communicants—Present number,	18
" Marriages,	3
" Funerals,	4

CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Amount raised towards building Parish Church, with Donations, a little over	\$1200 00
Bishop's Salary	\$10 00
Contingent Expenses of Parish,	\$5 00
Total Contributions,	\$1215 00

During the past year we have been making every effort to put up a Parish Church, which is now in process of construction, and will be ready for Consecration in June. It is a neat Gothic structure, (56 feet by 26 feet) capable of accommodating over 150 persons. It is advantageously located on a beautiful lot, 137 feet by 112 miles in depth, fronting on the Gulf of Mexico. In addition to this we have enclosed a portion of the lot, and erected thereon a Home for the Rector. Our church will be completed at a cost of somewhat less than \$2000.

THOS. D. OZANNE, Rector.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, RAYMOND.

The Rector reports to the Bishop.

Families, Former Number,	12}
" Removed,	1}
" Added,	3}
Total,	14

Baptisms—Adults, white, - - - - -	1		
“ Children, “ - - - - -	2	“	8
“ “ colored, - - - - -	5		
Communicants—Former number, - - - - -	19		
“ Removed, - - - - -	2		
“ Died, - - - - -	2	“	19
“ Added, - - - - -	4		

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

For Diocesan Missions,.....	\$ 8 50
Bishop's Salary, .....	20 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention,.....	5 00
Communion Alms,.....	12 05
Church Debt,.....	95 00

Total, .....\$140 55

The Church has been recently plastered, and a fine Melodeon purchased, by the exertions of the Ladies of the Parish. The Congregation has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mrs. Shelton, and Mrs. Dabney, the wives of Mr. John Shelton and Col. Thos. Dabney, pious and zealous communicants, and exemplary in all the relations of life.

EDW. FONTAINE, Rector.

## CHURCH OF THE REDEMPTION, HINDS COUNTY.

The Rector reports to the Bishop :

Families, Former Number.....	4
Communicants—Former Number.....	5
“ Added.....	1
“ Present Number.....	6
Baptisms—all Colored Children,.....	10

There are some Candidates for Confirmation.

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms, . . . . .	\$7 25
Bishop's Salary, . . . . .	10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Convention, . . . . .	5 00

Total : . . . . . \$22 25

A Sum sufficient has been subscribed for building a Church for the Parish, which will probably be finished during the year. The necessity for procuring funds for this object has prevented the congregation from aiding others.

EDW. FONTAINE.

## CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR, OSYKA.

The Rector of the Church of the Savior, at Osyka, Pike County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of his Parish.

Families, number of, . . . . .	7
Baptisms—Adults, white,.....	2
“ Children, white,.....	2
“ “ colored, ..... 2	2
Total,.....	6

Confirmations—White, . . . . .	1
Communicants—Former Number White, . . . . .	16
“ Added, . . . . .	3
“ Removed, . . . . .	4
Present Number, White, . . . . .	15
Marriages—White, . . . . .	1
Funerals, . . . . .	1
Sunday School Teachers, . . . . . 8}	
“ “ Scholars, . . . . . 35}	43
CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.	
For Communion Alms, . . . . .	\$7 00
Bishop's Salary, . . . . .	10 00
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, . . . . .	5 00
Total Contributions, . . . . .	\$22 00
JOSEPH SPENCER, Officiating.	

#### ZION CHURCH, TERRY.

To the Rt. Rev. W. M. Green :

Divine Service has been regularly performed, by the subscriber, in this Church, during the past year, on the third Sunday in every month, except the months of August and September, when he was absent from the Diocese. During most of the year, he has performed Divine Service there on the first Sunday also. In favorable weather the attendance has been good ; and he has reason to hope that, by patience and perseverance, a congregation may, after a time, be formed, and the Church placed upon a substantial and permanent footing in the village. Communicants, . . . . . 7

JOSEPH SPENCER.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, MONTICELLO.

To the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi:—Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

In reporting upon the condition of the Church at this place, as the Senior Warden in the place of any Rector, I can only say that there is but little variation in its condition since my report of the last year.

The Bishop's visit in June last, was a source of great gratification to the friends of the Church, at which there was one Confirmation of an Adult. Since then there have been no other ministrations of the Church. Respectfully submitted,

WM. VANNERSON, Sen. Warden.

I cannot suppress the remark that now at this particular time, there seems a more favorable opportunity for planting the Church permanently here than at any time previous, within my knowledge.

W. V.

#### CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, ADAMS COUNTY.

The Officiating Minister of the Church of the Advent, Washington, in Adams County, reports to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish :



Families, Number of.....	15
Confirmations—White.....	1
Communicants—Present Number, White.....	21
Sunday School Teachers.....	5
“ “ Scholars.....	20
Total,	26

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

\$26 00

WM. K. DOUGLAS, Officiating.

The undersigned, Professor of Languages in Jefferson College, Adams County, Mississippi, immediately upon his arrival to assume the duties of his Professorship, at the request of the members of the Church of the Advent, commenced holding regular services in the College Chapel. The first service was held on the Sunday after Christmas. The attendance has been gratifying, and the interest is believed to be increasing. The Holy Communion has been administered on the first Sunday of each month, and on Easter Sunday. The first official act of the Vestry elected on Easter Monday, was to extend an invitation to the undersigned to accept the Rectorship of the Parish. A few communicants are not included in the number reported, these having been during the vacancy of this Parish, received into the neighboring Parish of Trinity Church, Natchez, and have not yet applied for letters of dismission.

The resumption of the active life of the Parish has been too recent to afford any decisive indications of the good to be accomplished. May the Divine Head of the Church establish, strengthen and settle them on his sure foundations!

WM. K. DOUGLAS,

Of the Diocese of Louisiana, Officiating.

## GRACE CHURCH, CARROLLTON.

The Minister of Grace Church, Carrollton, Carroll County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of.....	12
Baptisms—Adults, White,.....	4
“ Children, White,.....	5
“ Colored,.....	1
Total,	10
Communicants—Former number, White,.....	14
“ Added,.....	10
“ Removed,.....	1
“ Present number, White,.....	23
Marriages—White,.....	2
“ Colored,.....	1
Total,	3
Funerals,.....	1
Sunday School Teachers,.....	2
“ “ Scholars,.....	12
Total,	14

J. C. ADAMS, Minister.

This report dates from the 24th of August, 1860, when this Parish was organized. We are but a few sheep in the wilderness, poor and scattered, destitute of a suitable place of worship; but our confidence

is in the Good Shepherd who loveth His sheep that He will in His own good time, and way, build us a house where His Name may dwell. The undersigned has officiated at Grenada, monthly, since August, 1860,—when not prevented by inclement weather, and baptized one white adult, and one colored infant. The Bishop baptized, and confirmed one person; and there are several now desirous of confirmation. There are in the Town of Grenada, and within 12 miles of that place 11 communicants of the Church. The work being God's, we confidently believe it will continue to prosper until our Beloved Zion shall be firmly established. The little success which has attended our labors, has been achieved notwithstanding the feeblest of human instrumentalities. We therefore rejoice in the prospect of seeing His strength made perfect in our weakness. We sincerely, and earnestly commend this young Parish, and Mission to the prayers of the Church, that He who hath begun a good work here, may continue it to the praise of His Glory.

J. C. ADAMS.

#### ST. JUDE'S CHURCH, CORINTH.

The Rector of St. Jude's Church, at Corinth, Tishomingo County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, Number of, .....	5	
Baptisms—Adults, White .....	2	
Confirmations—White, .....	2	
Communicants—Former Number, White, .....	8	
“ Added, .....	4	
“ Present Number, White, .....	12	
Sunday School Teachers, .....	4	Total, 14
“ “ Scholars, .....	10	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Communion Aids, .....	\$12 00
Fitting up room for Service, .....	25 00
Total contributions, .....	\$37 00

WM. H. BURTON, Rector.

I took charge of the congregation at Corinth in April last, which had been organized as “St. Jude's Church.” It is small, numbering five families, with eight communicants. Two have been added by removal and two by confirmation, making at present twelve Baptisms, two (adult.) I have connected with this congregation two other points, at each of which I preach monthly,—Jacinto, 18 miles distant, and Pocahontas, in Tenn., about the same distance from Corinth. At the former point there are no members of the Church, but several persons interested in its favor. At the latter there are several communicants. At both places however, there are good congregations. The three places afford an encouraging field for missionary work.

Very respectfully, W. H. BURTON.

## CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, NOXUBEE COUNTY.

The Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Noxubee Co., reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Baptisms—children, white,	-	-	5	} Total,	-	-	10
Adults,	-	-	2		-	-	
Children, colored,	-	-	3		-	-	
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Present number of white communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	4	} Total,	-	-	39
" Scholars,	-	-	35		-	-	

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

Communion Alms,	-	-	-	-	-	\$11 90
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Contingent expenses of Convention,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$26 90

GEO. STEWART, Rector.

## MISSIONARY STATIONS.

## AT MERIDIAN.

Families,	-	-	2	Communicants,	-	-	4
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## AT ENTERPRISE.

Families,	-	-	8	Present No. of Communicants,	*
Baptisms, children, white,	-	20	Marriages,	-	1
Confirmations,	-	1	Contributions,	-	\$2 20

## AT QUITMAN.

Families,	-	-	1	Communicants,	-	-	2
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## AT STATE LINE.

Families,	-	1	Communicants,	-	1	Baptisms, adult,	-	1
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## AT DE KALB.

Families,	-	-	1	Communicants Died,	-	1
Baptisms, adult, white,	-	3		Present number,	-	3
Confirmations,	-	2		Sunday School Teachers,	2	27
Communicants, added,	-	2		" " Scholars,	25	

## AT LAUDERDALE SPRINGS.

Families,	-	-	2	Present No. white Commun'nts,	2
Baptisms—children, white,	-	2	Funerals,	-	1
Confirmations,	-	1	GEORGE STEWART.		

The Missionary work in which I have been engaged for the past fifteen months, has been attended with many, and perhaps, peculiar trials. I use the term peculiar, as expressive of the disorganized manner in which I have been compelled to prosecute the work. I have six points at which I hold services; at four of them they are monthly, and at two, occasionally. At only one of them is there an organized church, this is in Noxubee county—here my work in a good degree has been en-

couraging. My wishes connected with the growth of the parish have been responded to with a reasonable degree of interest, and for personal attention it has been abundant. Three members of this Parish are engaged in a female school, which, although not a Church School, yet, is doing great good, and all things considered is one of the best in the State. It receives an excellent patronage, which it well deserves.

At De Kalb I have a very good and attentive congregation, but the immediate prospects for building up a parish at this point are not encouraging. I have one most devoted daughter of the church here, whose struggles for it have been so faithful, and energetic that they ought to be responded to by the presence of a missionary at least once in the month.

At Meridian the congregations are generally good, and attentive. I have made an effort here to build a church which has resulted in securing a subscription to the amount of about seven hundred dollars, all of which is perfectly secure, and may be had at any time. I have also secured a very beautiful plan of a church, from Henry Congdon, of New York City, which, (when completed) will cost about two thousand dollars. This work would have been begun before this but for the present state of our country.

At Enterprise the attendance on the services are reasonably good, but on account of the divided state of the community, it is a peculiarly hard field, for the missionary, and must continue to be so for some time. We need a church building here very much. I have not organized a parish here on account of the unsettled state of the community, (which is the case at other points,) as I can see no advantage of an organization unless it has some of the elements of strength which ought to be united in such an effort. I do not like a failure, and until a reasonable hope of success is evident, (and the missionary ought to be the best judge of this himself,) I think it best not to organize.

I have met with nothing but kindness in my work wherever I have gone; and I think I can hope with some degree of certainty that some good has been done.

May God add his blessing, for Christ's sake.

GEO. STEWART.

#### ROSE GATES COLLEGE.

ROSE GATES COLLEGE, }  
April 20th. 1861. }

*Bishop Green: Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—*

Since the last Convention, I have officiated several times in Grace Church, Okolona, once at Buena Vista, twice in Columbus, twice in Aberdeen, and generally on Sunday afternoons at home.

Since the commencement of the pre-sent Session, fifty-six pupils have been admitted into "Rose Gates College," four of whom are boarders. With suitable encouragement from the right quarter, our experiment would, I have no doubt, be successful; but standing as I do alone in the enterprise, I have great discouragements to encounter. With the assistance of God, I intend to persevere, hoping sometimes against hope, that He will ultimately crown my labors with success.

Yours, respectfully,

WILLIAM B. LACEY.

## REPORT OF WILSON HALL.

This Institution is in successful operation, under the supervision of the Pastor of St. John's Parish as Rector, and Mr H. M. Pierce as Principal. The School numbers at present about 40 pupils. The course of instruction is intended to include a thorough English education, together with the Classics, up to the point of preparation for College. The situation is healthy and pleasant, free from the temptations incident to town, and as an advantageous retreat for boys and young gentlemen, is commended to the patronage of the Church.

WILLARD PRESBURY, Rector.

## REPORT OF REV. WM. PARKER SCOTT.

The Rev. W. P. Scott offers the following report to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi:

Baptisms—Adults, White,.....	1	} Total,.... 11.
"    Infants, ".....	4	
"    Colored,.....	6	
Marriages—White;.....	1	} Total..... 5
"    Colored,.....	4	
Funerals—White,.....	1	

I have preached to white and colored congregations at different places in Yazoo County during the past year, and now have a monthly appointment for "Trinity Church," Yazoo City, until that Parish obtains a Rector, or until it may be necessary for me to assume other professional duties.

WM. PARKER SCOTT.

## REPORT OF THOS. S. SAVAGE.

To the Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

The undersigned respectfully reports that he has dissolved his connection with Trinity Female Seminary, Pass Christian, by transferring it to the charge of Prof. Reuel Keith, a gentleman in whose favor testimonials of a high order have been received. He would commend the Institution to the Church as worthy of the patronage that it has received in times past.

He has performed clerical duty as opportunity afforded, having frequently officiated for Rev. Mr. Sill.

THOS S. SAVAGE.

Pass Christian, Miss., April 22nd, 1861.

To the Right Reverend William M Green, D. D.,

MY DEAR BISHOP.—In compliance with the Canon (XII. of 1853) I respectfully submit the following report:

Since the last Convention, I have

Baptized—White Infants,.....	10	} Total, 21
"    Colored ".....	9	
"    Adults,.....	2	
Presented for Confirmation—White,.....	4	} Total, 11
"    "    Colored,.....	7	
Buried,.....	1	

At Bloomington, Illinois, I was obliged to leave a large class, ready for Confirmation, and accompany a member of my family to Europe, for medical attention. After an absence of 6 or 8 months, I found, upon my return, much to my regret, a political necessity forcing me to my Southern Home, and leaving my interesting work there incomplete.

In the midst of much secular business, my heart yearns for more and more efficient clerical employment, and I shall thank God when I can entirely throw off the one and give myself wholly to the other.

Very truly, yours, in the Gospel,

Kilmarnock, April 22, 1861.

F. W. BOYD.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*To the Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D. D., President:—*

DEAR SIR,—Herewith I submit my Report of Receipts and Expenditures for the past year :

### RECEIPTS.

From late Treasurer, Balance April 28, 1860,.....	\$ 496 32
Individual Contributors,.....	232 50
Parishes—Collections,.....	1171 20
	\$1900 02

### EXPENDITURES.

To 13 Missionaries,.....	\$ 1161 96
Books, Tracts, and Circulars, .....	115 61
2 Students at Nashotah,.....	250 00
Mrs. M. C. Johnson, per Resolution of last Convention, Journal, page 91,.....	200 00— \$1727 57

Balance on hand,..... \$ 172 45

I herewith annex my Account Current, to which I beg to refer, as exhibiting the full particulars of Receipts and Expenditures, with the several vouchers from 1 to 30 inclusive,—all of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DUNCAN,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

Jackson, April 23, 1861.

JOHN DUNCAN, *Treasurer, in Account with the Diocesan Missionary Society.*

1860.		RECEIPTS.	
April 28.	To amount received from late Treasurer,	\$ 496 32	
	" Christ Church, Church Hill,	65 00	
	" Mrs. M. M. Phillips, "	5 00	
	" Mrs. Julia Farmer, "	5 00	
	" Mrs. M. D. Parmele, "	2 50	
	" Miss M. Eppes Oliver, "	2 50	
	" Mr. Wm. W. Ewing, Annadale,	10 00	
	" St. John's Church, "	5 00	
	" Trinity Church, Pass Christian,	8 50	
	" Grace Church, Okolona,	7 30	
	" St. John's Church, Pontotoc,	3 15	
	" St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf,	33 50	
	" St. James' Church, Port Gibson,	16 50	
	" Epiphany Church, Claiborne county,	10 75	
	" R. W. Phillips, Natchez,	10 00	
	" Calvary Church, Holmes county,	56 50	
	" Bishop Green and Messrs. Sneed, Foster, B. B.		
	" Ewing, R. W. Ewing, Baird, Bryan, Damas,	17 00	
	" Fontaine, L. C. Harris, Downing, Fox, Roach,		
	" Drane, Walker, Hannum, and Duncan \$1 each		
May 1.	" Christ Church, Vicksburg, Con. collection,	141 80	
June 15.	" From a Friend of the Church, "	50 00	
July 3.	" St. John's Church, Annadale,	5 00	
Oct. 22.	" Trinity Church, Yazoo City,	10 00	
" 28.	" Calvary Church, Holmes county,	5 00	
Nov. 9.	" Grace Church, Canton,	23 00	
Dec. 26.	" From a Friend of the Church,	50 00	
" 27.	" Chapel of the Holy Communion, Diamond Place,	33 00	
" 27.	" Grace Church, Canton,—In addition,	1 00	
" 27.	" St. Alban's Church, Warren County,	32 20	
1861.			
Jan. 7.	" Mrs. M. W. Ewing, Annadale,	5 00	
" 21.	" St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County,	5 00	
" 21.	" Mrs. Jane H. Jackson,	20 00	
" 28.	" Miss C. A. Hierne, Pass Christian,	5 00	
Feb. 20.	" Mrs. Samuel Chapman, "	5 50	
" 20.	" St. Mark's Church, Raymond,	11 20	
" 20.	" Messiah Church, Noxubee County,	9 60	
March 2.	" Christ Church, Church Hill,	55 00	
" 5.	" St. Luke's Church, Brandon,	10 00	
" 7.	" Christ Church, Vicksburg,	80 50	
" 25.	" Mrs. Jane H. Jackson, Marshall County,	25 00	
" 27.	" St. Matthew's Church, Clinton,	11 60	
" 28.	" St. Alban's Church, Warren County,	37 20	
April 1.	" Trinity Church, Pass Christian,	30 00	
" 2.	" St. Andrew's Church, Jackson,	62 25	
" "	" Trinity Church, Yazoo City,	20 30	
" "	" Church of the Advent, Washington,	26 60	



"	"	" Christ Church, Church Hill, 2nd collection, .	76 50
"	"	" Trinity Church, Natchez, . . . . .	248 25
"	"	" M. W. Ewing, Annadale, . . . . .	10 00
"	"	" Mrs. Virginia Freeland, Madison County, .	5 00
"	"	" Wilmer Shields, Natchez, . . . . .	5 00
"	"	" St. Andrew's Church, Jackson,—additional, .	5 00
"	19.	" Trinity Church, Natchez, . . . . .	25 00

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## EXPENDITURES.

1860.			
April 28.	By Rev. John Gierlow, Missionary, .	1	\$ 100 00
May 1.	" " John S. Greene, " . . . . .	2	62 50
" "	" " Robt. F. Clute, " . . . . .	3	50 00
" 10.	" Mrs. Mary C. Johnson, Books, &c., .	4	12 98
" 16.	" Mrs. M. C. Johnson, Res. of Con. p. 91	5	200 00
June 12.	" Mr. W. H. Phillips, Nashotah, . . . . .	6	100 00
" "	" Rev. B. R. S. Boemond, Missionary, .	7	56 66
" 22.	" Rev. T. D. Ozanne, . . . . .	8	25 00
July 6.	" Rev. F. W. Damus, . . . . .	9	75 00
" 23.	" Rev. F. Elwell, . . . . .	10	25 00
Aug. 1.	" Rev. J. C. Adams, Missionary, . . . . .	11	75 00
Sept. 26.	" Printing Circulars, . . . . .	12	12 00
Oct. 5.	" Rev. H. C. Harris, Nashotah, . . . . .	13	50 00
Dec. 22.	" Rev. F. Elwell, Missionary, . . . . .	14	10 00
" 27.	" Rev. Dr. Spencer, " . . . . .	15	33 20
1861.			
Jan. 26.	" Rev. F. Elwell, " . . . . .	16	15 00
" 28.	" Mrs. M. C. Johnson, Books, &c., . . . . .	17	21 25
Feb. 4.	" Rev. Robt. F. Clute, Missionary, }	18	50 00
" 5.	" Mr. Wm. H. Phillips, Nashotah, }	18	50 00
" 18.	" Mrs. M. C. Johnson, Books, &c., . . . . .	19	13 16
" 20.	" Rev. George Stewart, Missionary, . . . . .	20	9 60
Mar. 27.	" Rev. T. D. Ozanne, . . . . .	21	125 00
April 2.	" Mrs. M. C. Johnson, Books, &c., . . . . .	22	50 61
" "	" Rev. J. C. Adams, Missionary, . . . . .	23	100 00
" 3.	" Mrs. M. C. Johnson, Books, &c., . . . . .	24	5 61
" 18.	" Rev. T. D. Ozanne, Missionary, . . . . .	25	50 00
" 22.	" Rev. G. Rottenstein, . . . . .	26	50 00
" "	" Rev. Geo. Stewart, . . . . .	27	100 00
" "	" Rev. C. H. Williamson, . . . . .	28	50 00
" "	" Mr. W. H. Phillips, Nashotah, . . . . .	29	50 00
" "	" Rev. Wm. H. Burton, Missionary, . . . . .	30	100 00
" "	" Balance on hand, . . . . .		172 45

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NOTE. The following Contributions, intended for the present year, were paid in too late for *this*, but will appear in the *next* annual report.

St. Philip's, Kirkwood, \$25; St. Paul's, Columbus, \$25; Ascension Church, Hernando, \$4 35; St. James, Port Gibson, \$15.

JOHN DUNCAN, Treasurer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
OF MISSISSIPPI.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Society took place on Friday Evening, after Divine Service, April 26, 1861, in Christ Church, Holly Springs, and in the absence of the President was called to order by the First Vice President, Rev. James A. Fox.

The Report and Account Current of the Treasurer of the Society. was presented and read, and, upon motion, referred to a Committee of two, the Rev. Willard Presbury and Capt. Albert Sneed.

During the absence of the committee, the Society was eloquently addressed by the Rev. Fred. W. Boyd, in behalf of Missions.

Upon motion, the Society proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. The following were unanimously chosen:

First Vice President.....	REV. JAMES A. FOX.
Second       ".....	JAMES S. JOHNSTON.
Third       ".....	MARTIN W. EWING.

MANAGERS:

WILLIAM McWILLER,		WILLIAM HARDEMAN,
WILLIAM C. SNEDES,		E. C. LAUGHLIN.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER:

JOHN DUNCAN,.....of Jackson.

Rev. Mr. Presbury presented the following report and resolution, which, upon motion, was unanimously adopted.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Account, report that they have examined the same, and finding it correct, offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the report of the Treasurer be received and adopted.  
WILLARD PRESBURY, Chairman.

The Society then adjourned till the next evening.

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SATURDAY EVENING, April 27.

The Society met after Divine Service, pursuant to adjournment, the Rt. Rev. Wm. M. GREEN, Bishop of the Diocese, President, in the Chair.

The Minutes of last evening's meeting were read and approved.

The following resolution, after a few explanatory remarks by the Rev. Mr. Crane, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the Bishop, in aid of the Church Book Depository, in Jackson.

Mr. Crane then addressed the meeting, making a most earnest appeal in behalf of the Society.

The President followed, urging upon the Diocese the great importance of Home Missions, and the establishment in our midst of a School of the highest order for the education of young ladies.

Mr. Crane then resuming, advocated in a few forcible remarks, the education of our Students for the Ministry at home—referring to the enforced return of the Mississippi Students from the Nashotah Seminary, in consequence of the political events of the last few days, and concluded by offering the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Bishop of the Diocese be requested to provide for the maintenance and theological instruction of our Candidates for Holy Orders, by the appointment with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, of one or more Divinity Professors, and that this Society hereby pledges itself to furnish the means necessary for this purpose.

Mr. Miller seconded the resolution, in eloquent and effective terms, concluding by pledging the sum of one hundred dollars to carry out the object.

Rev. G. B. Perry, D. D., followed, urging with great zeal the cause of Missions; also pledging one hundred dollars for the purpose of the resolution.

Rev. F. W. Boyd then addressed the meeting. He was in favor of the support by each Parish, of a Candidate for the Ministry—the Student to be under the special charge of the Rector,—he trusted some such plan would be adopted,—and he believed the Rector of each Parish would cheerfully receive into his family and extend to one Student the necessary instruction.

The question was then put, and the resolution adopted.

The following pledges were made in behalf of the object stated in the resolution :

REV. B. M. MILLER,	\$100
REV. W. C. CRANE,	100
RT. REV. WILLIAM M. GREEN, D. D.,	100
REV. G. B. PERRY, D. D.,	100
MRS. DABNEY MINOR, and Daughter,	100
T.-E. B. PEGUES, Esq.,	100
HON. JACOB THOMPSON,	100

There being no other business before the meeting, the Society adjourned.

JOHN DUNCAN,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

## DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

### STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D.	Mr. Wm. C. Smedes,
Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D.	Mr. John Duncan.
Rev. W. C. Crane.	

### TRUSTEES OF EPISCOPAL FUND AND CHURCH PROPERTY.

Mr. Wm. C. Smedes,	Mr. John Duncan.
Mr. William Yerger.	

DELEGATES TO THE SPECIAL CONVENTION AT MONTGOMERY, JULY 3,  
1861.

Rev. W. Croes Crane,	Mr. C. C. Shackelford,
Rev. F. A. P. Barnard,	Mr. John Duncan.
LL. D.	Mr. Jacob Thompson.
Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D.	

### ALTERNATES TO THE ABOVE.

Rev. James A. Fox,	Rev. Benj. M. Miller,
Rev. Thos. S. Savage, M.D.	Mr. W. C. Smedes,
Mr. T. E. B. Pegues,	Mr. Jas. S. Johnston.

### DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. W. Croes Crane,	Mr. Wm. C. Smedes,
Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D.,	Mr. Richard Evans,
Rev. Benj. M. Miller,	Mr. Jas. S. Johnston.
Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D.	

### ALTERNATE DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. James A. Fox,	Dr. T. T. Meade,
Rev. E. H. Downing,	Mr. John Duncan,
Rev. G. W. Sill.	Mr. Giles M. Hillyer,
Mr. Thos. R. Shields.	

### TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. James A. Fox,	Mr. Jas. S. Johnston.
Rev. Fred. W. Boyd,	

### ECCLESIASTICAL COURT.

Rev. H. Sansom, D. D.,	Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D.
Rev. W. C. Crane.	Rev. B. M. Miller.

### SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

Rev. William Croes Crane.....Jackson.

### TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

Col. John Duncan.....Jackson.

### TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.

Rev. Wm. Croes Crane.	Mr. William Yerger.
Doctor T. B. Magruder.	

**TREASURES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH FOR THE DIOCESE  
OF MISSISSIPPI.**

**Mr. James D. Stewart.....Jackson.**

**DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

*President.....***Rt. Rev. WILLIAM M. GREEN, D. D.**

*First Vice-President..***Rev. James A. Fox.**

*Second Vice-President..***Mr. James S. Johnston.**

*Third Vice-President..***Mr. M. W. Ewing.**

***Managers :***

<b>Messrs: William McWillie,</b>	<b>Messrs. Wm. C. Smedes,</b>
<b>" William Hardeman.</b>	<b>" E. C. Laughlin.</b>

***Secretary and Treasurer—*Col. John Duncan, Jackson.**

## PARISHES IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION.

Trinity Church,	Natchez,	Adams County.
St. Paul's Church,	Woodville,	Wilkinson "
St. Mary's Church,	Laurel Hill,	Adams "
Christ "	Church Hill,	Jefferson "
Christ "	Vicksburg,	Warren "
St. Paul's Church,	Grand Gulf,	Claiborne "
St. Matthew's "	Clinton,	Hinds "
St. Mark's Church,	Raymond,	Hinds "
St. Paul's "	Columbus,	Lowndes "
Christ Church,	Holly Springs,	Marshall "
St. Andrew's Church,	Jackson,	Hinds "
Epiphany Church,		Claiborne "
St. Andrew's Church,		Marshall "
Trinity "	Yazoo City,	Yazoo "
St. John's "	Pontotoc,	Pontotoc "
Ascension "	Hernando,	De Soto "
St. John's "	Aberdeen,	Monroe "
Grace "	Canton,	Madison "
St. Philip's "	Kirkwood,	Madison "
St. John's Church,		De Soto "
Church of the Crucifixion,		Yazoo "
St. Luke's Church,	Brandon,	Rankin "
St. John's "	Lake Washington,	Washington "
St. James' "	Port Gibson,	Claiborne "
Trinity Church,	Pass Christian,	Harrison "
St. Peter's Church,	Oxford,	Lafayette "
Calvary Church,		Holmes "
St. John's Church,	Early Grove,	Marshall "
Grace Church,	Okolona,	Chickasaw "
Church of the Advent,	Washington,	Adams "
Chapel of the Cross,		Madison "
Church of the Messiah,		Noxubee "
St. John's Chapel,	Annadale,	Yazoo "
Christ Church,	Monticello,	Lawrence "
St. Thomas' Church,	Pikeville,	Chickasaw "
St. Alban's Church,	Bovina,	Warren "
St. Mark's Church,	Mississippi City,	Harrison "
St. Luke's Church,	Shieldsboro',	Hancock "
Church of the Redeemer,	Biloxi,	Harrison "
Church of the Savior,	Oayka,	Pike "
St. Barnabas' Church,	Warrenton,	Warren "
Church of the Redemption,		Hinds "
Grace Church,	Carrollton,	Carroll "
St. Stephen's Church,	Panola,	De Soto "

# Rules of Order.

*As Adopted by the Diocesan Convention of 1861.*

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1. The Convention shall be opened with prayer by the Bishop, on the morning of every day during the session.

2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the Chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the Service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convention.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member, who shall be in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the discussion.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it—and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay upon the table and to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

10. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

12. The names of the movers of resolutions shall not appear upon the Minutes of this Convention.

13. The Reports of all Committees shall be in writing, and shall be received, of course, and without motion, unless re-committed by vote of the Convention. All Reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the Convention, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Convention therein.

14. If the question under debate contain several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately, except that a motion to strike out and insert, shall be indivisible.

15. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without debate; but any member may appeal from such decision; and on such

appeal no member shall speak more than once, without express leave of the Convention.

16. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after amendment to such second amendment, shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be received under color of a substitute.

17. The first thing in order, after the Convention is declared organized, and ready for business, shall be the election of a Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, for the ensuing year.

18. The adoption of Rules of Order for the government of the Convention, and the reading of said Rules by the Secretary.

19. The appointment of the following Standing Committees, viz: 1st, On Credentials; 2d, On the Admission of New Congregations; 3d, On the State of the Church; 4th, On Finance; 5th, On Constitution and Canons; 6th, On Diocesan Schools; 7th, On Unfinished Business.

20—The reading of the Bishop's Journal and Address.

21—The reading of the Parochial Reports.

22—The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Convention.

23—The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

24—The reading of the Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

25—The reading of the Reports from Committees, appointed by the last Convention.

26—Designation of time and place for holding the next Convention.

27—The election of Diocesan Officers—1st, the Members of the Standing Committee; 2d, Treasurer of the Diocese; 3d, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund; 4th, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; 5th, Members of the Ecclesiastical Court; 6th, Deputies to General Convention, (When required); 7th, any other Diocesan Officers necessary to be elected.

28—Reports of Standing Committees.

29—Reports from Special Committees.

• 30—General Motions, Resolutions, and Propositions.



### Form for the Organization of New Parishes.

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We, the subscribers, assembled for the purpose of organizing a Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the town of ———, county of ———, and State of Mississippi, after due notice given, do hereby agree to form a Parish, to be known by the name of ——— Church, and as such, do hereby acknowledge and accede to the doctrine, discipline and worship, the Constitution and Canons, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the same Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and we do accordingly now appoint ———, [not less than three, nor more than eleven persons, naming them,] to be the first Vestry of ——— Church; and ———, [two persons, naming them,] to be the first Wardens, to continue in office until Easter Monday, A. D., ———, and until others be chosen in their place: And an election of Vestrymen shall hereafter be held on Easter Monday of each successive year, or as soon thereafter as may be.

Witness our hands at ———, county of ———, and State of Mississippi, this ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord ———.

## Form of Parochial Reports.

*As required by Canon IX, of this Diocese.*

The Rector (or Minister) of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ county, reports to the Bishop (or Convention) of the Diocese  
of Mississippi, the following Statement from the Register of his Parish.

Families, Number of,	_____	
Baptisms—Adults, White, -	_____	} Total, _____
“ “ Colored, -	_____	
“ Children, White, -	_____	
“ “ Colored, -	_____	
Confirmations, White, -	_____	} Total, _____
“ Colored, -	_____	
Communicants—Former Number, White, -	_____	} Total, _____
“ Colored, -	_____	
“ Added, -	_____	} Total, _____
“ Died, -	_____	
“ Removed, -	_____	} Total, _____
“ Present Number, White, -	_____	
“ Colored, -	_____	} Total, _____
Marriages—White, .....	_____	
Colored, .....	_____	} Total, _____
Funerals, -	_____	
S. S. Teachers, . . . . .	_____	} “ _____
“ Scholars, . . . . .	_____	

### CONTRIBUTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For Diocesan Missions—First Collection, -	_____	} \$ _____
“ Second “ -	_____	
“ From Individual Con., -	_____	
“ From other sources, -	_____	
For Domestic Missions, -	_____	} _____
Foreign Missions, -	_____	
Communion Alms, -	_____	
Bishop's Salary, -	_____	
Contingent Expenses of the Diocesan Convention, -	_____	
Parochial Schools, -	_____	
Other purposes, as follows : -	_____	_____

Total contributions, \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Rector.

☒ State also any matters of fact which show the condition of the Parish.

# SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS FOR 1891, DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	RECTOR OR MINISTER	No. of Families.	BAPTISMS--Ad. White.	BAPTISMS--Ad. Col'd.	BAPTISMS--In. White.	BAPTISMS--In. Infants--Colored.	CONFIRMATIONS--White.	CONFIRMATIONS--Colored.	COMMUNICANTS--FORMER NO. Wh.	COMMUNICANTS--Added.	COMMUNICANTS--Died.	COMMUNICANTS--Removed.	COMMUNICANTS--Pres. Num. Wh.	COMMUNICANTS--Pres. Num. Col.	Marriages.	Funerals.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS--Teachers.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS--Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS.
1 Trinity	Natchez	G. B. Perry, D. D., LL. D.	165	9	9	32	—	23	—	225	37	5	4	252	—	13	28	6	40	\$1870 15
2 Christ	Vicksburg	W. W. Lord, D. D.	88	4	—	46	16	16	1	138	12	5	8	137	—	12	29	21	171	2319 02
3 St. Andrew's	Jackson	W. C. Crane	84	6	—	20	9	9	—	112	28	9	14	116	—	114	16	11	85	916 82
4 St. Paul's	Columbus	James D. Gibson	39	1	—	7	7	7	—	72	1	9	—	79	—	1	4	14	132	424 75
5 Christ	Church Hill	B. M. Miller	30	—	—	7	42	6	—	58	4	1	3	47	—	4	2	5	—	894 30
6 Christ	Holly Sp'gs	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	50	—	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	300 00
7 St. Paul's	Woodville	W. F. Adams	34	3	—	15	—	13	—	40	22	—	5	57	—	1	10	5	30	995 14
8 Grace	Canton	H. Sansom, D. D.	34	8	—	7	1	11	—	51	3	—	2	52	—	3	4	4	25	307 35
9 St. Alban's	Bovina	H. Sansom, D. D.	22	5	28	8	11	11	28	41	5	44	4	47	34	3	1	—	—	239 65
10 Trinity	Pass Chris.	G. W. Sill	24	3	1	8	2	—	—	30	7	1	3	33	—	4	4	7	40	407 30
11 St. Andrew's	Marshall Co W. Presbury	—	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	11	—	—	2	—	—	85 40
12 St. John's	Early Gr'ce W. Presbury	—	14	—	—	5	4	—	—	32	8	4	1	35	—	—	0	—	—	57 33
13 St. Philip's	Kirkwood	F. H. Downing	5	1	—	—	—	3	—	12	3	—	—	12	3	1	—	2	15	116 65

14	Epiphany	Claiborne	G. Rottenstein	15	1	10	13	4	17	4	8	1	27	2	3	—	140	40						
15	St. James	Port Gibson	C. B. Dana, D. D.	16	1	2	—	5	19	—	17	1	35	—	2	8	32	81						
16	St. Paul's	Grand Gulf	C. B. Dana, D. D.	6	...	3	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	0	00							
17	St. Math's	Clinton	F. Elwell	11	1	1	1	1	20	—	1	4	17	—	1	13	131							
18	St. Luke's	Brandon	F. Elwell	7	1	...	—	2	6	—	3	—	9	—	1	5	52							
19	St. Peter's	Oxford	F. A. P. Barnard, LL. D.	13	...	2	—	20	—	—	4	1	23	—	—	0	00							
20	Grace	Okolona	R. F. Clute	22	2	3	17	1	29	29	7	2	3	30	2	1	3							
21	Ascension	Hernando	M. L. Weller	10	2	1	5	11	4	14	5	—	3	16	—	1	2							
22	St. Stephen's	Panola	M. L. Weller	10	11	...	8	1	13	—	—	—	13	—	1	3	12							
23	St. John's	Annadale		1	...	...	1	7	6	12	—	—	1	5	12	—	60							
24	St. Luke's	Shieldsboro	T. D. Ozanne	18	2	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	3	4	—							
25	St. Mark's	Raymond	E. Fontaine	14	1	2	5	—	19	—	4	2	2	19	—	—	1200							
26	Redemption	Hinds Co.	E. Fontaine	4	...	...	10	—	5	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	140							
27	Savior	Osyka	J. Spencer, D. D.	7	2	...	2	1	18	—	3	4	15	—	1	8	22							
28	Zion	Terry	J. Spencer, D. D.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	—	—	35	0							
29	Advent	Washington	W. K. Douglas	15	...	...	...	1	—	—	—	—	21	—	—	5	0							
30	Grace	Carrollton	J. C. Adams, M. D.	12	4	1	5	—	14	—	10	—	24	—	3	1	0							
31	Messiah	Noxubee	George Stewart	7	2	...	3	1	—	—	—	—	19	—	—	4	26							
32	Missionary	Services	George Stawart	15	4	...	4	—	—	—	—	1	20	—	1	2	0							
33	St. Jude's	Corinth	W. H. Burton	5	2	...	2	—	8	—	4	—	12	—	—	4	37							
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From the following named parishes, no reports have been received, viz: St. Mary's, Laurel Hill; Trinity, Yazoo City; St. John's, Lake Washington, Chapel of the Cross, Madison Co.; St. John's, Pontotoe; St. John's, Aberdeen; Crucifixion, Yazoo Co.; St. Thomas, Pikeville, St. Mark's, Mississippi City; Redcumer, Biloxi, and St. Barnabas, Warrenton.

## PRAAYER

### *To be used During the Continuance of our Present Troubles.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose Providence watcheth over all things, and in whose hands is the disposal of all events, we look up to Thee for thy protection and blessing amidst the apparent and great dangers with which we are encompassed. Thou hast, in thy wisdom, permitted us to be threatened with the many evils of an unnatural and destructive war. Save us, we beseech Thee, from the hands of our enemies.— Watch over our fathers and brothers and sons, who, trusting in thy defense and in the righteousness of our cause, have gone forth to the service of their country. May their lives be precious in thy sight. Preserve them from all the dangers to which they may be exposed. Enable them successfully to perform their duty to Thee and to their country. And do Thou, in thine infinite wisdom and power, so overrule events, and so dispose the hearts of all engaged in this painful struggle that it may soon end in peace and brotherly love; and lead not only to the safety, honor and welfare of our CONFEDERATE STATES, but to the good of thy people, and the glory of thy great name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The above is affectionately recommended to the Clergy of this Diocese, to be used in public service as one of the "Occasional Prayers"—and to the Laity also as a becoming part of their daily devotions in the family and the closet.

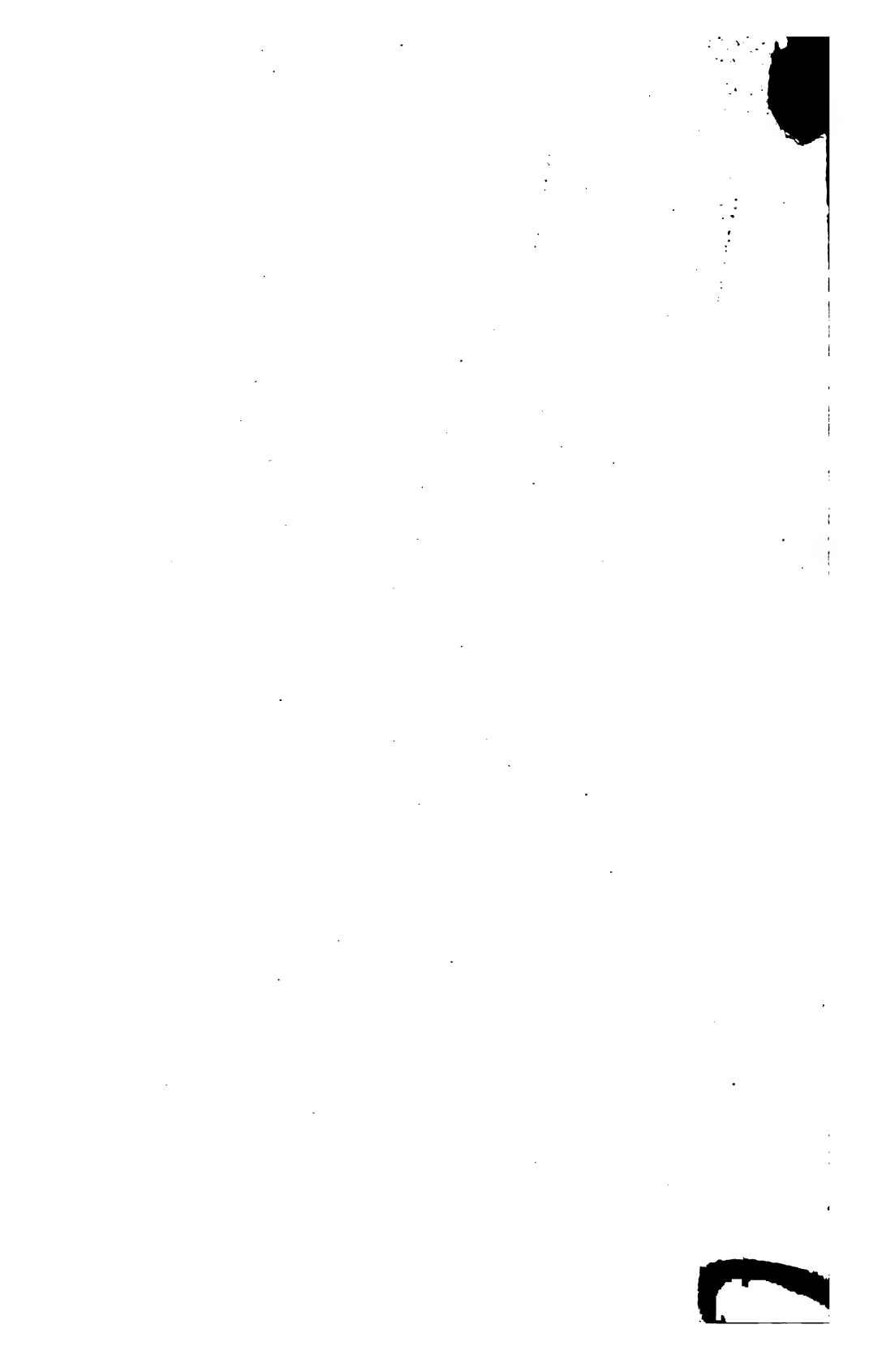
The attention of the Clergy is also called to a Circular Letter issued by me on the inauguration of our Confederate Government; but which has failed to reach some to whom it was addressed. In that circular the Clergy were requested, in the "Prayer for the President," &c., to say the PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, the GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE and all others in authority" &c.; and in the "Prayer for Congress" to say "*the people of these Confederate States in general, so especially for their Deputies in Congress assembled.*"

These alterations, rendered necessary by the important changes in our political relations, it is hoped will be cheerfully observed by the Clergy, until our civil and ecclesiastical relations shall be permanently adjusted.

W. M. GREEN,

Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi.

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